

This Spring *Octagonian* highlights chapter updates.



# AROUND THE CHAPTERS



## CHAPTER INFORMATION

Membership Total	Fall '22 Recruitment Results	Spring '23 Recruitment Results
Culler Young Scholar Chapter Fall '22 Totals		# of Chapter Advisors



Chapter with this icon are in need of volunteer alumni advisors



C

B

Cornell University

12	5	7
0	2	

At the Beta Chapter at Cornell, we are proud of our safe, inclusive environment that promotes the embodiment of brotherhood whenever we are together. In the presence of each other, we can truly be ourselves. Here, Sammy has a place for everyone.

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S

H

Syracuse University

45	9	14
0	2	

Our bond at the Eta Chapter at Syracuse strengthened after we hosted a paintballing event, our first with the new members initiated. We emphasize inclusion in the chapter so our new members have opportunities to bond with the older members during our events.



Θ

University of Pennsylvania

49	0	25
0	2	

The Theta Chapter at UPenns comprises a breadth of backgrounds, experiences, and differences that bring us closer together. Our camaraderie and shared respect for one another bind us together. Our brotherhood's tight-knit bond creates a robust foundation that makes our chapter feel like a second family.



K

University of Minnesota

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34	17	5
4	4	

Our Kappa Chapter at Minnesota feels like home because members are willing to drop everything to help each other. Members have offered rides to brothers running late to class, and our guys showed up to support another brother's senior project presentation.



O

University of Cincinnati

34	10	7
0	1	



P

University of Illinois

22	12	3
7	2	

The Rho Chapter at Illinois allows us to flourish as leaders. Re-founding our chapter alongside exceptional individuals has fortified our unity and provided a solid foundation for our home in Champaign-Urbana.





**A** **T**  
University of Alabama

45	11	12
4	1	

The brothers of the Tau Chapter at Alabama make it feel like home. They are genuine, trustworthy, and honorable. Although we have many different interests, we're all committed to service within our community and the pursuit of academic success.



**PITT** **Ψ**  
University of Pittsburgh

36	4	11
3	2	

The Psi Chapter at Pitt feels like a true home because everyone knows each other so well and cares about what everyone has going on. We uplift each other by having fun and not forcing the bonds of brotherhood but letting them form naturally. We had significant growth this year and can't wait to see what next year holds for the chapter!



**Ψ** **ΣΖ**  
Indiana University

166	37	17
1	1	

At the Sigma Zeta Chapter at Indiana, we cherish the opportunity to create memories with our best friends on and off campus. We always sat that you can take our brothers out of a home, but you can never take the home out of our brothers.



**Ψ** **ΣΘ**  
University of Texas

131	24	14
5	2	

The sense of brotherhood and camaraderie within our Sigma Theta Chapter at Texas makes it feel like home. Whether we're participating in philanthropic events, socializing, or studying together, I always feel a strong connection to my fellow Sammys. It's a supportive and inclusive community that has helped us all grow personally and academically. Being a part of Sammy has indeed been a rewarding and life-changing experience.



**N** **ΣΟ**  
University of Nebraska

11	3	1
0	2	



**M** **ΣΧ**  
University of Maryland

50	6	6
3	5	

Our Sigma Chi Chapter at Maryland believes we can do more together than alone. With a firm reliance on our values, we work to improve our community, like with the March Madness Philanthropic event, which raised \$1.8k for The Judy Fund.





**MH**  
Drexel University

28	9	3
0	0	

The Mu Eta Chapter at Drexel is easily the biggest mixing pot we have seen on our campus. We are unique. All of our members bring something different to our front porch, which for us, is a place that feels like home.



**MO**  
University of Southern California

131	35	25
7	3	



**MP**  
University of Colorado

19	5	4
1	1	

The Mu Pi Chapter at Colorado celebrates and shares a close connection between brothers, making it feel like home. We also bond on hiking and camping trips in the most fantastic place, the Rockies.

"WE ARE AROUND BROTHERS THAT SUPPORT AND UPLIFT ONE ANOTHER WITH WHATEVER WE ARE GOING THROUGH."



**MΨ**  
Miami University (OH)

107	0	17
2	1	

Being a brother at the Mu Psi Chapter at Miami OH feels like home because we are around brothers that support and uplift one another with whatever we are going through. Sharing our college experiences and creating lifelong memories with our brothers gives us a second family away from home. We have an inclusive and supportive environment that we do not always see in other chapters on our campus.



**MX**  
Michigan State University

25	6	5
0	2	

The Mu Chi Chapter at Michigan State feels like home because of our unparalleled brotherhood. When a mass shooting happened on Feb. 13th at MSU, we were all there for each other, huddled in a room on the top floor of our house, checking on our brothers both on and off campus. Seeing us all be there for each other, even people who haven't shown up to an event in a year, show up for Philanthropy events, socials, and brotherhood events, emphasizes our camaraderie.



**BΓ**  
University of Arizona

130	50	23
2	1	

The inclusiveness of all our members makes our Beta Gamma Chapter at Arizona feel like home. At any time of the day, you can find our members together with one another, regardless of their background or future. We are a group of close-knit men working to better ourselves and the chapter.





**ΒΙ**  
University of Wisconsin

114	30	0
0	2	



**ΒΨ**  
University of Virginia

69	0	17
1	2	

Our Beta Psi Chapter at Virginia feels like home because it provides a sense of purpose, community, and adventure to make everyone feel supported and comfortable in their natural state. We make sure to form a sense of camaraderie through brotherhood events such as hikes or having fire pits on our patio. Everyone always pushes each other to be the best they can be professionally and academically and provide support for furthering our academic career and development.



**ΒΩ**  
Kentucky Wesleyan College

10	5	0
0	2	

Our Beta Omega Chapter at Kentucky Wesleyan feels like home because of our inclusive atmosphere and sense of community as a small chapter. Due to the size of our campus community and chapter, we can all connect and relate to each other on deeper levels.



**ΓΕ**  
University of Illinois Chicago

30	12	4
0	5	

The Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Illinois Chicago is centered in the city's heart in the Pilsen and Little Italy neighborhoods. With this in mind, we have garnered a sense of community outside the UIC and fraternity bounds, making our chapter feel like an integral part of this city and a true home.



**ΓΚ**  
Texas A&M

21	3	5
0	2	

Our Gamma Kappa Chapter at Texas A&M feels like home because our brothers take care of brothers. One example was when I (Fra Zachary Laguna) got hurt going camping, and my brothers helped me get to safety and tended to my wounds. Through our experiences, we have bonded and have become lifelong friends.



**ΓΛ**  
Northern Illinois University

2	0	NA
1	1	

Our Gamma Lambda Chapter at Northern Illinois feels like home because we have made it one. There is always a brother around the house to help you out or spend your free time with. We all have similar goals and interests around the house, and seeing each other in our common areas or at our chapter meetings and events is always a joy.



**ΓΡ**  
UC-San Diego

25	6	5
2	1	

Our Gamma Rho Chapter at UCSD feels like home because whether we are grabbing a bite to eat, going to the beach between classes, or simply hanging out, there is always a brother around to share those moments. Ultimately, the bonds formed here at the Gamma Rho chapter create a home away from home for our brothers.





**ΓΤ**

University of Florida

32	4	4
1	1	

**Our Gamma Tau Chapter feels like home because of how our brotherhood feels like family.** We all have fun and love each other but argue, joke, and cry together. In our chapter, we create a home for our brothers to face whatever life throws at them, and we'll help in any way we can.



**ΓΦ**

Arizona State University

65	17	4
0	0	

**Our Gamma Phi Chapter at Arizona State is unique, as no two members are alike.** We strive to always show up for one another and to make each other the best version of ourselves. We recognize and appreciate the opportunity to hang out with our favorite people in the world.



**ΓΧ**

Brandeis University

28	8	14
3	3	

**Our Gamma Chi Chapter at Brandeis feels like home because of our shared experiences and openness to new ideas.** No matter the problem, our brotherhood steps up and offers assistance in any way possible. It is a supportive community that I can truly call my home.



**ΓΨ**

Temple University

60	9	14
0	2	

**The Gamma Psi Chapter at Temple is a home away from home by how we treat and do events together like a family.** We go to dinner, watch and play sports, and attend each other's family events. We also teach and share life lessons that will grow each other as individuals, just as a family does in a household. We could not get any of these things without our Sammy brothers.



**ΔΒ**

American University

26	6	8
0	1	



**ΔΖ**

Florida International University

68	20	22
5	6	

**A culture of trust is what bonds the members of the Delta Zeta Chapter at Florida International together.** Our chapter includes members who prefer speaking Spanish to English at chapter. Our chapter's diversity makes it feel like home. We would not trade it for anything.

**"OUR CHAPTER'S DIVERSITY MAKES IT FEEL LIKE HOME."**





**ΔΗ**

University of West Florida

15	6	0
0	4	

The Delta Eta Chapter at UWF has many different types of people with a wealth of knowledge from all walks of life united by a common goal. We all want to improve this world, and Sigma Alpha Mu provides many opportunities to spread positivity. This is why Sammy feels like family.



**ΔΠ**

Ottawa University

33	18	6
0	1	

The members of the Delta Pi Chapter at Ottawa promote our values. We foster friendships, memories, and experiences we will carry for the rest of our lives. Every brother is motivated and contributes, and that's what makes our chapter feel like home.



**ΔΥ**

UNLV

19	8	3
1	2	

Our Delta Upsilon Chapter makes us feel at home because of the support we offer one another. We are a smaller chapter. Everyone takes time to get to know one another and what you have going on in your life. While college life can be stressful, our Sammy community reassures you that everyone around is willing to help you achieve a high level of success you never thought was possible.



**ΔΩ**

Rochester Institute of Technology

26	9	4
2	1	

The Delta Omega Chapter's interconnected relationships at RIT make it feel like home. We share close bonds because we celebrate our familial diversity. This is our home away from home and an integral support system throughout our college experiences.



**ΕΑ**

Stephen F. Austin State University

4	0	-
0	4	

Within our Epsilon Alpha Chapter at SFA, our brothers have a tight bond throughout the SFA Greek and overall community. Our members take pride in creating a solid brotherhood. We strive to make sure our brothers are thriving academically and mentally. Sammy has given out brothers the best collegiate and fraternal experience that they could ask for.

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**ΕΓ**

Illinois State University

3	2	0
0	5	





## EA Johnson & Wales

23	6	4
1	1	

**The Epsilon Delta chapter at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI initiated four new members this spring.** The chapter is continuing to grow, and they are getting even more involved with on-campus and community philanthropy events. Additionally, they hosted a clothing drive in conjunction with Alpha Delta Pi sorority both on-campus and within the Providence community.



## EE SUNY-Geneseo

37	4	5
0	1	

**The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter at Geneseo focuses nonstop on growing our brotherhood.** We all look to create an environment where everyone is respected, comfortable, and eager to develop life long friends. We are always together with Sammys, young and old, to create memories and experiences that will last forever.



## EO West Virginia University

20	6	1
1	3	

**The Epsilon Theta Chapter at West Virginia feels like home because we prioritize our member's ideals and work on developing our character.** We are motivated to improve Greek life's image on our campus. We have cultivated a strong community, and I can count on my Sammy brothers to show up for me in my time of need, and to me, that is the true definition of brotherhood.



## EN University of Connecticut

23	6	4
1	0	

**Epsilon Nu Chapter at UCONN feels like a home away from home because it's a culture that fosters lifelong brotherhood, is rich in tradition, and allows us to share some of the most cherished memories of our college years.** It's a culture where we can develop the chapter just as it develops us. As a result, our experiences as brothers create deep bonds you can't get anywhere else.



## EE Emory University

70	6	29
2	2	

**The Epsilon Xi Chapter at Emory feels like home because of the strong sense of brotherhood we have created in the short time since our establishment in 2016.** Our main on-campus chapter house, where many brothers live and we host weekly chapter meetings, serves as a gathering spot bringing everyone together and creating a sense of community. Additionally, we prioritize everyone's interests in our programming so that every brother feels included and valued. The common bond we all share within our chapter stems from the constant mutual support and respect we share for each other and the desire to better ourselves and our fraternity as we continue to make our chapter feel like a home.



## EP University of Rhode Island

51	16	7
2	1	

**Our Epsilon Pi Chapter at URI is home because of the accepting environment we have carefully created.**





# SPRING EXPANSION PROJECTS

"THE MOST  
IMPRESSIVE  
AND QUICKLY  
DEVELOPING  
INTEREST GROUPS  
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HAS SEEN."



$\Sigma I$

University of Michigan

28	NA	28
NA		2

**The Sigma Iota Provisional Chapter at Michigan initiated 28 new members this spring.** Director of Growth Jerred McCormick shared, "We are excited for the new undergraduate and alumni leadership of our provisional chapter, including two chapter advisors, Erik Harris (Michigan, '92) and Andy Sale (Michigan, '90). We appreciate their investment of time and talent to bringing back our chapter in Ann Arbor."

## UPCOMING & CONTINUED EXPANSION PROJECTS INCLUDE:



**Sigma Beta Chapter  
at the Ohio State University**



**Sigma Eta Chapter  
at Purdue University**



**Mu Omicron Chapter  
at New York University**



**Mu Rho Chapter  
at University of Rochester**



**Epsilon Sigma  
at Georgia Southern Univ.**



$\Sigma \Omega$

North Carolina State University

15	NA	15
NA		3

**The Sigma Omega chapter at North Carolina State University initiated fifteen men this spring.** Many of the members are engineering students, and some of whom were friends from high school. As founding fathers, they look forward to taking on the responsibility of restarting Sigma Omega together to further strengthen their friendship bond.



$\Sigma P$

Clemson University

7	NA	7
NA		2

**The Epsilon Rho Chapter at Clemson initiated seven initiates who expressed interest in bringing Sigma Alpha Mu to Clemson this spring because of their alignment with our values.** It was noted that this is one of the most impressive and quickly developing interest groups that the Clemson IFC has seen during the meeting where they received IFC recognition.





## Since 1909, Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity initiated over 70k members.

In the heart of bustling university life, amidst lectures, exams, and social events, there exists Sammy, a beacon of warmth and camaraderie, creating a home away from home for its members. This is where bonds are forged, memories made, and support was found. They were a family, always there for one another.

*The oral histories have been edited for brevity.*

Whether celebrating triumphs or consoling each other during tough times, their unwavering support made the fraternity feel like a sanctuary of understanding and acceptance. Within our fraternity, rituals, and traditions further solidified the sense of belonging. From weekly gatherings to game nights and philanthropic events, every occasion was an opportunity to strengthen the bonds between Sammys.

The shared experiences became ingrained in their identities as the fraternity became woven into the fabric of their college lives. Through the challenges and triumphs of college life, this fraternity became a refuge from the pressures of the outside world. It was a place where dreams were nurtured, talents were discovered, and ambitions were supported. The fraternity transformed into more than just a physical location; it became a state of mind—a sense of belonging and homecoming that would remain etched in the hearts of its members long after graduation. **#Sammys4Life**



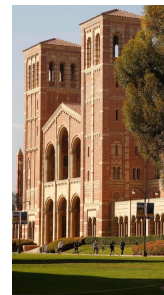
**I joined Sammy because I had the feeling of being welcomed and socially accepted.** It offered me a new start, and they were a very welcoming group. It gave me a home base at school.

Paul Leber, PE (Drexel, '79)



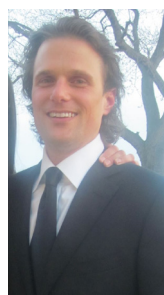
**I was living away from home.** We were all different guys, but in a place at the same time together. We accepted each other. To me, Sammy means family connection. My youngest son, became a Sammy, too.

Steve Leeds (Penn State, '64)



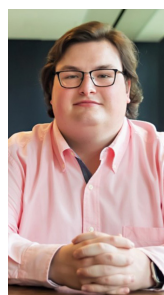
**There were a lot of fraternities at UCLA, but this one, in particular, had cohesiveness and diversity.** Everyone seemed unified, and we were vibing on the same wavelength. I felt at home the minute I walked in.

Tommy Harrington (UCLA, '88)



**To me, Sammy means a place that will always be my home.** No matter where I go and where I form relationships that will be with me for the rest of my life.

Stan Zolek  
(Northeastern, '90)



**At the end of the day, I'd always have a place to go home to.** There were people to do things with, and experiences to make memories and enjoy forever.

Jacob Timmins  
(Alabama, '16)



**It taught me good organizational skills, like running a meeting, that I used daily.** Sammy was like a family away from home. I remember ending up in the hospital surrounded by fraternity brothers.

Paul Todd (West Florida, '05)