

TOMAHAWK Special Grand Chapter Edition

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Grand Chapter kicked off at the world-famous Churchill Downs, where our undergraduates, alumni, and guests enjoyed dinner at the Kentucky Derby Museum. Attendees were able to watch old footage, see decades of artifacts, and tour the historic grounds.

The legislative body of Grand Chapter convened as our undergraduate delegates, Alumni Association representatives, past Grand Senior Presidents and Grand Councilors paraded their chapter and school flags in the Opening Ceremonies before discussing business in the Friday morning portion of Plenary. During the Plenary proceedings, the Fraternity focused on a recommitment to performing our Ritual with pride and accuracy.

During the afternoon portion of Plenary, Dave Howard, Jeff Hoffman, and Kevin Garvey were honored with GSP Citations for their respective years of service to the Old Gal. Outgoing GSP Steve Zizzo, Illinois '84 gave a State of the Fraternity address and the Foundation presentated a \$310,000 Grant to the Fraternity. Lastly, we saw the installation of the new Grand Council. (See Page 4 to see a list of the new Grand Council.)

Educational sessions for this year's event included Career Prep, Emerging Leaders, Growth Summit, 8 Essentials to a Successful Life, and much more. Tracks also included training for Presidents, VPs of Finance, VPs of Membership Engagement & Retention, VPs of Ritual & Traditions, and Service & Philanthropy.

Our alumni and guests enjoyed an exclusive look into bourbon country, as Wally Dant, Purdue '82, opened the doors to his family-owned distillery for an evening of brotherhood. Dant even introduced a special Alpha Sig edition of his bourbon made right there at Log Still that alumni and guests were able to purchase on-site. Click here to purchase yours!

It was another triumphant Cardinal & Stone Awards
Presentation to congratulate our newest Fraternity
Award winners. 'For He's an Alpha Sig' was sung as 37
chapters, 11 undergraduate members and eight alumni
were recognized for their efforts and contributions
toward the Old Gal. (Navigate to Page 7 to see a list
of our 2023-24 Fraternity Award winners.)

An alumni and award winner reception took place following the Cardinal & Stone Awards Presentation. There, Rob Sheehan and Jake Gamble were recognized for their lifetime giving milestone of \$50,000 and were awarded their Red Jacket. (Navigate to Page 13 to see a list of all members of the Red Jacket Society.)



43rd GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT

Brother Hughes' contributions to Fraternity/Sorority Life earned his name on one of our Fraternity Awards, the Philippi-Hughes Award of Distinction. He's spent a combined 10 years on the Grand Council, serving as Grand Marshal (2014-18) and Grand Secretary (2022-24).

GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT

Brother Bullock has been on the Grand Council since 2018, first as a Grand Councilor (2018-20) then as Grand Secretary (2020-22). He is an Undergraduate Hall of Famer and Hargear winner (2011).

GRAND MARSHAL

Brother Kefaloukos has enjoyed a successful career at Microsoft and is a well-known commentator in the gaming industry. This is his first year on the Grand Council. He previously served on the formerly named Board of Advisors, now known as the Pinnacle Network of the GSP Club (2019-20).

GRAND SECRETARY

This is Brother Nolen-Doerr's third position on the Grand Council. He's previously served as the Grand Marshal (2018-20 & 2022-24), as well as Grand Junior President (2020-22). Brother Nolen-Doerr is a 2019 recipient of the Delta Beta Xi Award & Key.

GRAND TREASURER

Brother Musbach was an Undergraduate Grand Councilor (2004-05) and Chair of the Foundation Board (2014-16). He is a 2013 recipient of the Delta Beta Xi Award & Key. This is his second consecutive term on the Grand Council.

GRAND COUNCILOR

This is Brother Doyle's first year on the Grand Council after serving the Old Gal for six years on the Foundation Board of Directors, including Foundation Board Chairman from 2021-23. He's a 2017 recipient of the Delta Beta Xi Award & Key.

GRAND COUNCILOR

Brother Dyer is a 2014 Delta Beta Xi Award & Key recipient. He's been on the Grand Council since 2020 and most recently served as Grand Treasurer.

GRAND COUNCILOR

Brother Gatzke is serving his third consecutive term on the Grand Council. He was Grand Councilor from 2020-22, then Grand Junior President from 2022-24 . He's a former Headquarters staff member (1991) and a 2002 recipient of the Delta Beta Xi Award & Key.

GRAND COUNCILOR

This is Brother McDonald's first time on the Grand Council. He's a former Headquarters Staff Member (2011-14) and served his local Beta Xi Chapter at Hartwick College as Growth Advisor for seven years (2012-19). Brother McDonald was appointed to fill the vacancy created with Brother Zizzo's departure.

UNDERGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRAND COUNCIL

DANIEL KRAUSS, TEMPLE '24
DANIEL MOORE, TEXAS A&M '21
KAYDEN REZAC, IOWA STATE '21
NATHAN ADAIR, GEORGIA TECH '21



INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST GSP, BYRON HUGHES

Byron Hughes, Salisbury '06, was elected as the 43rd Grand Senior President during the 57th Grand Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. A Maryland native, Brother Hughes brings with him an extensive background in higher education, with a career spanning over two decades. His experience includes pivotal roles at Ball State University, Salisbury University, and Virginia Tech, where he has significantly impacted Residence Life, Student Conduct, and Fraternity and Sorority Life.

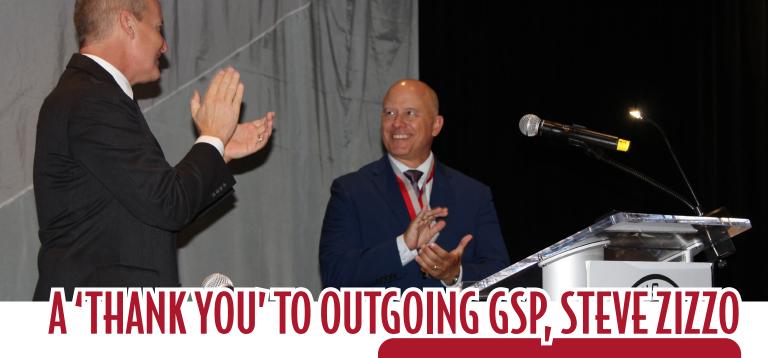
Byron's journey in higher education leadership reached a new milestone in 2022 when he was appointed Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students at the University of Tennessee. Before this role, he served as the Dean of Students at Virginia Tech, where he was a key figure in shaping the student experience.

His contributions to the fraternity and sorority community are noteworthy. A committed member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA), Byron has facilitated leadership programs for undergraduates nationwide and spearheaded professional development initiatives for AFA and the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA). His dedication was recognized in 2019 when he received the Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award from AFA.

Byron's leadership philosophy is centered on helping students and colleagues make purposeful, learning-centered decisions. He emphasizes the importance of fostering connections, encouraging reflection and critical thinking, maintaining empathy, and developing trust through consistency and fairness.

With a Ph.D. in higher education from Virginia Tech, a master's degree in Student Affairs Administration from Ball State University, and a bachelor's degree in English literature from Salisbury University, Byron Hughes is well-equipped to lead Alpha Sigma Phi as its Grand Senior President. His vision and commitment to student development will undoubtedly guide the fraternity toward continued success and growth.

To hear Brother Hughes' remarks that streamed live on Facebook, <u>please click here</u> and fastforward to 21:00 of the video.



Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity extends its deepest gratitude to Steve Zizzo, Illinois '84, for his exemplary service as the 42nd Grand Senior President (GSP). Brother Zizzo's term as GSP, marked by steadfast leadership and dedication, has come to a close, leaving behind a legacy of success that will inspire future generations of brothers.

Brother Zizzo's journey with Alpha Sigma Phi has been one of remarkable commitment and achievement. Before serving as GSP, he held the role of Grand Treasurer from 2018-20. Throughout his fraternity membership, Brother Zizzo has been honored with three prestigious Fraternity awards: the Frank F. Hargear Memorial Award (1987), the Delta Beta Xi Award (2000), and the Evin C. Varner Distinguished Service Award (2018). Each award reflects his unwavering dedication to Alpha Sigma Phi, all at varying stages of his life.

During his term as GSP, Brother Zizzo demonstrated exceptional leadership, drawing on decades of knowledge and service to guide the Fraternity. His efforts have been instrumental in shaping the future of Alpha Sigma Phi, ensuring its continued growth and success. One of many highlights of his service as Grand Senior President was increased alumni engagment. A direct example was the introduction of

STEVE ZIZZO AT THE 57TH GRAND CHAPTER, FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

"We did not get here by luck or hope. As we know hope is not a strategy. Instead, we got her by being smart and strategic and standing on the shoulders of giants who came before us...people like our founders, and second founders, but more recently Brothers like Frank Hargear, Evan Varner, Rob Sheehan, Ralph Burns, and Stan Thurston... We are not perfect but with hard work and continued support, the best is yet to come."

Alpha Sig Everywhere. The Inaugural Alpha Sig Everywehere took place on November 6, 2023. This year's event will happen on November 13.

As Brother Zizzo's term concludes, the brotherhood wishes to express its sincere appreciation for his tireless efforts. Leading and guiding Alpha Sigma Phi is a tremendous responsibility, and Brother Zizzo has fulfilled this role with distinction.

He now joins the esteemed ranks of Past Grand Senior Presidents, who serve as lifetime delegates to the Grand Chapter and hold lifetime voting privileges on all matters within the walls of the Mystic Circle.





OMOKHESHI ADURODIJA // ETSU '21

During Brother Adurodija's time as VP of Growth, the chapter grew by 80%. As President, the Chapter was awarded their first cup. He served as VP of Programming for IFC and was involved in shaping the risk management education for all fraternity/sorority new members on campus.

DAVID COLOMBA // SALEM STATE '21

Under Brother Colomba's leadership, the Chapter increased in size by 67% and hosted their 10-year anniversary event for alumni. His nominator noted that he rebranded the Chapter by improving morale, motivation, and sharing his positive vision of bettering the Zeta Pi Chapter.

LUKE DANDAR // KANSAS '22

With Brother Dandar's leadership, the Chapter received multiple Excellence awards from the University, found a new chapter house, increased recruitment numbers, and raised their GPA. He's also been involved as a member of the Investment Club, Sales Club, and Habitat for Humanity.

CONNOR DAVIS // APPALACHIAN STATE '20

Under Brother Davis' leadership, he increased alumni communication and the Chapter achieved their highest accumulative GPA in their history. In addition to his involvement with Epsilon Rho, he's also a member of Order of Omega.

ALEX EDDY // ELMHURST '20

Brother Eddy's leadership resulted in Delta Chi being awarded IFC Chapter of the Year, a 100% retention rate among brothers, and 92% growth in chapter size. He also served as IFC's Vice President of Programming and an Orientation leader on campus.

OGAN HOWARD // NORTH FLORIDA '21

Through Brother Howard's involvement and leadership, the Chapter was approved to charter, won Greek Week, and was awarded the University of North Florida's Fraternity of the Year. Beyond serving his chapter, he served as an Undergraduate Representative to the Grand Council.

ZACH KROENCKE // TEXAS A&M '20

Brother Kroencke helped to secure housing for his chapter, oversaw the Chapter surpassing 100 brothers, and led the Chapter to the GSP Cup in 2023. He was the force behind multiple initiatives, including an annual toy drive that raised nearly \$5,000 worth of toys for local charities.

BRANDON NOWAK // CAL POLY '21

Brother Nowak served lota Chi as a two-term Chapter President. Under his leadership, the Chapter improved health and safety protocols and implemented more risk management education. He played a significant role in starting the lota Chi Alumni Association as well.

HUNTER PETERSON // WESTMINSTER '22

Brother Peterson was integral in creating the Movember Music Festival, which raised the most philanthropic dollars out of any fraternity on campus. Outside of the Chapter, he served as the Westminster College student organist and won the College's 2023 concerto and aria competition.

MASON SUSSNER // IOWA STATE '20

The Chapter had their largest recruitment class in recent history behind Brother Sussner's leadership. The Chapter also raised their GPA by 0.3 and built a full gym in their chapter house. For his work, he received the lowa State IFC President of the Year, as well as IFC's Council Leadership Awarded.



The Delta Beta Xi Award & Key was created by the Grand Council in 1938 to express formal recognition to alumni giving distinguished service to the Fraternity. Traditionally, no more than 10 men receive this award annually.

TOM ARDIZONE // INDIANA '88

Brother Ardizone has served as Gamma Chi Chapter Advisor for four years, in addition to his involvement in the Alumni Association. During his tenure as Chapter Advisor, Gamma Chi has initiated 339 brothers, won a Bronze Cup in 2022, and has become the largest Alpha Sig chapter in the country.

ANDREW CRAVENS // PURDUE '96

Since graduating, Brother Cravens held numerous leadership roles including chapter advisor and Director of Facilities for the housing board. He's contributed greatly in engaging alumni in volunteer positions, leading chapter retreats, and serving as a mentor to the undergraduates.

ANDY MAKAR // CENTRAL MICHIGAN '93

Brother Makar's dedication is evident in his tenures on the Delta Rho Chapter Council and the Delta Rho Alumni Association, as well as his service as the Grand Chapter Advisor to the Eta Lambda (Oakland). He has also sponsored numerous events for the chapter's alumni.

TATTON PHILLIPS // IOWA STATE '10

Brother Phillips has served in multiple advisory roles for the Phi Chapter including Ritual Advisor, Service and Philanthropy Advisor, and now serving as Chapter Advisor for almost seven years. His passion for his chapter has not gone unnoiticed.

STAN G. THURSTON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMNT AWARD



MARK **STILL** // WASHINGTON '75

Brother Still has served the Mu Chapter in multiple volunteer roles. He has also been heavily involved on a fraternity level, including facilitating many programs and serving on the Grand Council, where he held the roles of Grand Marshal, Grand Secretary, and then as our 36th Grand Senior President. As GSP, he was instrumental in making our five values public. He currently serves on the Foundation Board of Directors. He is a 1987 Delta Beta Xi inductee for his sustained alumni involvement in the Fraternity and was the 2009 Evin C. Varner Distinguished Service recipient.

This year, the Stan G. Thurston Lifetime Achievement Award was present to Brother Still by Brother Thurston's incredible wife, Dotty Thurston.



EVIN C. VARNER DISTINUISHED SERVICE AWARD



GREG KROENCKE // ILLINOIS '91

Brother Kroencke was awarded the Delta Beta Xi Award & Key at the 52nd Grand Chapter in 2012. He served on the Foundation Board of Directors, including as Foundation Chairman. He has served faithfully on the Grand Council, both as an undergraduate and alumnus. While on the Grand Council, he held the positions of both Grand Junior President and our 41st Grand Senior President.

CHAPTERS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES IN 2024



ALPHA BETA

IOWA

CELEBRATING **100 YEARS** FEBRUARY 2, 1924



GAMMA DELTA

DAVIS & ELKINS

CELEBRATING **75 YEARS**APRIL 12, 1949



EPSILON EPSILON

BLOOMSBURG

CELEBRATING **25 YEARS**OCTOBER 15. 1999



EPSILON ET/

SALISBURY

CELEBRATING **25 YEARS**APRIL 9, 1999

OTTO L. SONDER CHAPTER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



JEFF SNEDEKER // CORNELL '75

Under Brother Snedeker's advisement, the Chapter has grown both in size and success. He is described as an advisor who cares for the Chapter as a whole, but more importantly, for the individual brothers in the Chapter. Attending all chapter meetings, he builds a relationship with each brother to ensure they are well supported in their time at Cornell University, including helping them utilize their vast alumni network for undergraduate members to gain internships and ultimately employment opportunities.



UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLAR
OF THE YEAR AWARD

KAEL MORRIS // KANSAS '22

Brother Morris is pursuing a degree in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology and has a 4.0 cumulative GPA. He's served on multiple committees throughout his time in Theta Pi, including the Retention Committee, Standards Board, and Service and Philanthropy Committee. His long-term goal is to increase the awareness about the disparity in healthcare in rural areas of the United States.



JACOB PERRY // FRESNO STATE '16

Brother Perry is pursuing his Masters in biology and then plans to obtain his PhD. He held multiple roles in his chapter, including VP of Standards, VP of Communications, VP of Finance, VP of Membership Enrichment and Chapter President. He servED on the Student Union Board of Directors, IFC, Student Housing Resident Director, Dean's Advisory Circle, and president of the American Medical Student Association.



BETA CHI CHAPTER // AMERICAN

The Beta Chi Chapter earned a combined Chapter GPA of 3.5 last fall, 0.25 above the all-men's average of 3.25. In honor of this achievement, they will receive \$750 in their endowment fund to perpetually aid them in their scholastic endeavors.



ETA IOTA CHAPTER // WESTERN CAROLINA

The Eta lota Chapter has seen growth in all areas of operation during the 2023-2024 academic year and improved its Annual Report score by 38%. The Chapter completed 27 service hours per member and raised \$149 per member for philanthropy.





PHI CHAPTER // IOWA STATE // 5th GSP CUP

Phi completed over 3,200 service hours and raised an astounding \$300 per member for philanthropic beneficiaries. They balance out their work in the community with a robust brotherhood calendar, including going bowling every Monday after chapter meetings. In addition, they hosted an Alpha Sig Everywhere event for alumni in November in the event's inaugural year.



THETA PI CHAPTER // KANSAS // 2nd GSP CUP

Brothers of Theta Pi completed over 1,700 hours of community service. The Chapter raised \$130 per member for philanthropy in 2023-24. They recruited 29 brothers in the fall of 2023, which was the most in their chapter history. At their annual Greek Awards in April, the Chapter was awarded Most Improved Chapter GPA, Most Philanthropy Dollars Raised, Certificates of Excellence in in Academic Achievement, just to name a few.



DELTA TAU CHAPTER // MURRAY STATE // 11th GSP CUP

Members of Delta Tau completed 39 hours of community service per member and raised over \$120 for philanthropy per member, with over \$5,000 going to our five philanthropic beneficiaries. The chapter had 32 brothers make the Dean's List in fall 2023, with 18 achieving a 4.0 GPA. At their university's Greek Awards Night, they were awarded Outstanding Brotherhood, Outstanding Service, and Outstanding Chapter President.



Alpha Sigma Phi honors its most dedicated lifetime donors with the coveted Red Jacket, signifying their membership in an exclusive group of alumni members. Red Jacket Society members have graciously given more than \$50,000 in lifetime donation to the Old Gal. Today, there are 45 living members in the Red Jacket Society. Below is a list of the Red Jacket Society, with our two newest members highlighted in red who were presented their Red Jacket at Grand Chapter:

Eric N. Allen, Purdue '71

John R. Anderson, Trine '71

Don M. Blevins, Marshall '70

Dr. R. Daniel Braun, MD FACOG, Toledo '58

Thomas L. Brown, Indiana '75

Jonathan K. Burns, Ohio Wesleyan '84

John R. Chaney, Indiana '67

William F. Christ, Davis & Elkins '59

J. Wally Dant, Purdue '82

Ronald W. Dollens, Purdue '65

William R. Doyle, Penn State '77

Ronald P. Fischer, Indiana '69

Peter S. Fuss, Michigan '54

Jacob Gamble, Oregon State '97

Conrad F. Garvey, Findlay '68
Kevin J. Garvey, Westminster '75
Evan R. Geiselhart, Illinois '82
John B. Gibson, Jr., Indiana '85
Ronald E. Graham, Oklahoma '74
William C. Haffner, Ohio Wesleyan '95
Gordy F. Heminger, Bowling Green '96
Thomas R. Hinkley, Indiana '84
Jeffrey R. Hoffman, Member-At-Large '76

Brian W. Jump, Indiana '77 Gregory M. Kroencke, Illinois '91 Hon. Robert W. Kutz, UC-Berkeley '67 Ronald J. Lang, Penn '62 Elwood G. Lassiter, Presbyterian '68 Edward Leedom, CFP, Bowling Green '86 Larry M. Liss, Widener '62 James C. McMahon, Illinois Tech '78 Richard E. Middlekauff, Oregon State '61 Jon E. Mittelhauser, Illinois '90 Frank A. Morgan, American '58 Christopher J. Musbach, Ohio Wesleyan '02 Bryan Proctor, Grand Valley '96 Kip L. Roberts, Murray State '97 Rodney M. Rusk, Central Michigan '93 Robert M. Sheehan, Westminster '76 Larry G. Spees, Ohio Wesleyan '57 Mark D. Still, Washington '75 John W. Tilden, Binghamton '93

Thomas C. Wajnert, Illinois Tech '61

Alfred B. Wise, Baldwin Wallace '43

Steven V. Zizzo, Illinois '84

