



# Delta Delta Data

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## McCabe '60 and Stone '78 Selected Significant Sigs

Joe McCabe '60 and John Stone '78 are the newest Delta Delta brothers to be named Significant Sigs.

Joe McCabe has excelled throughout his life and career in whatever role he has been asked to play. While at Purdue Joe was a three year varsity letter winner for the baseball team. Over the course of Joe's 81 game career, he



Joe McCabe '60

played in every inning as a catcher, infielder and outfielder. Joe was team captain during his senior season and his .423 batting average that year still stands as the highest wooden-bat average in school history. He was named first-team All-Big Ten, NCAA All-District and team MVP for the 1960 season. Joe was inducted into Purdue's Intercollegiate Hall of Fame in 2016.

Joe signed a professional baseball contract with the Washington Senators in 1960 and played in the Major Leagues for both the Minnesota Twins and Washington Senators in 1964 and 1965. During the off-season, Joe took flying lessons that helped land him a job in 1966 as a pilot for Pan Am Airlines. Through  
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Brothers enjoying the Brotherhood Dinner (L-R) Bill Trachtman, Tom Shurig, Mark Herrmann, Bart Burrell, Will Lyles and Mark Campbell.

## Famed Carmel Connection Returns

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Brotherhood Dinner held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Delta Chapter House was an "unsurpassed" success. The 30 alumni and over 60 undergraduates seated in the Great Hall were treated to an excellent meal, great conversation and a chance to hear of the escapades of the famed Carmel Connection.

The laughter resounded throughout the Great Hall as the brothers in attendance listened to the stories told by Mark Herrmann '81 and Bart Burrell '81. They spoke of their memories of growing up together and leading Purdue to four straight bowl games and national recognition on the Purdue gridiron during their playing days from 1977 to 1981.

Both Mark and Bart starred for Carmel High School in football and basketball winning the 1977 Indiana State Basketball Championship. Bringing their athletic talents to Purdue led to an unprecedented run of bowl game appearances and honors. In his senior year Mark was named the Big Ten Most Valuable Player and a unanimous All-American while finishing fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting. He set nine NCAA passing records and was the MVP of three straight bowl games.

Bart was his pledge brother's top receiver and ended his career with 140 receptions for 2,126 yards and 14 touchdowns. He ranked second in school history in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns and third in  
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## THE SIGMA CHI CREED

I believe in fairness, decency, and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity that Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction: that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

George Ade ΔΔ 1887

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## Consul's Corner ..... Bryce Cirbo '19

It's been an honor to serve as the Consul of the Delta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi over the past semester, and I'm extremely proud of everything our brothers have accomplished.

### Philanthropy

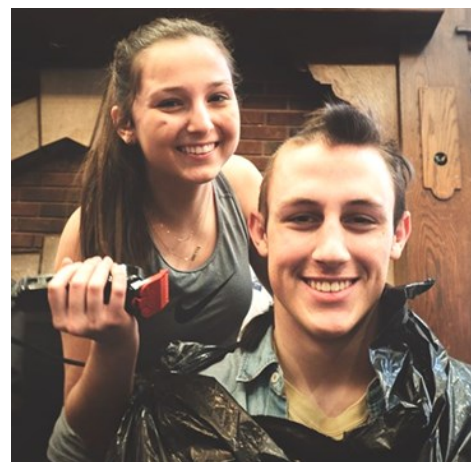
We have continued the positive trend of giving back, most notably through Derby Days. Our Chairs, Jack Folkers and Wesley Middleton, did an incredible job making the event bigger than ever before. We raised \$20,983 in support of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, doubling the previous year's total for the second year in a row. The experiences our brothers have had with cancer fueled a whole chapter effort to make a difference. The contributions from our Delta Delta alumni this year were overwhelming and much appreciated. This year truly set a new standard for what Derby Days can be at Purdue.

In addition, we have continued our strong partnership with Lafayette Urban Ministries. This year we updated their computer system software and hardware along with other projects. In December, we brought 18 families into our Chapter House for our third annual Jubilee Christmas event, and we provided toys, gift cards, food and blankets for their Christmas celebrations. In total, our brothers completed over 2700 hours of community service this past year.

### Individuals Shine

At State Day, Matt Rittman was awarded the Province Balfour Award, and we are proud to have him representing Delta Delta in the international competition. On campus, Seth Gutwein and Drew

Greene were tapped as two of the 40 seniors asked to join Mortar Board, Purdue's prestigious honors society.



Christopher Grote '21 let's his sister, Taylor, shave his head for a good cause.

### Alumni Guests

We enjoyed a great fireside chat with Marc Carlson '80, and another successful brotherhood dinner highlighted by our special guests Mark Herrmann '81 and Bart Burrell '81 as they recalled their football playing days as the "Carmel Connection". We are so fortunate to have such an impressive and engaged alumni network willing to give back to the chapter.

### Mom's Weekend

During our Mom's return to 202 this spring, we spent the weekend singing karaoke, decorating cakes, and trying to keep pace with our moms as they relived their college days. Mom's weekend is always one of our favorites, and this year did not disappoint!

### Grand Prix

We capped off the semester with another safe and fun Grand Prix week. The brothers had a blast and we are very proud of the team's performance in taking 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> place. We could not have asked for a better conclusion to the 2017-2018 school year.

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## Significant Sigs continued

his 35 year career with Pan Am and United airlines, he served as captain on 12 different types of aircraft including multiple Boeing models. His long tenure and stellar flying record earned Joe the airline industry's professional pilot's **Award of Merit** for achievements in aviation.

Joe remarked, "The extreme gratitude, excitement, pride and appreciation on being honored with this award cannot be expressed in words. It has just been overwhelming."

**John Stone '78**, since his undergraduate days in Purdue's Interdisciplinary Engineering program, has sought to find innovative ways to leverage technology to serve broader markets and impact people's lives.

Since 1985 Brother Stone has held

senior leadership positions with Sumitomo, Hyundai, and now with Amkor Technology, where John is Executive Vice President for Worldwide Sales and Marketing.



**John Stone '78**

In this role (the #3 position in the company) John has over 300 direct reports, across 20 offices around the world. John collaborates directly with customers in Asia, Europe, and North America to provide them with custom design and manufacturing services for their products.

John has reached elite levels of leadership in the semiconductor

industry, and he has contributed in specific and tangible ways to the advancement of that industry. Last year Amkor's sales exceeded \$4 billion. Amkor, headquartered in Tempe, Arizona, has 23 factories across seven different countries.

Amkor works with the primary microchip manufacturers (Intel, Qualcomm, and others) to turn basic chips into usable products that impact our lives and significantly advance the state-of-the-art in artificial intelligence, virtual reality and robotics.

Brother Stone stated, "I am truly humbled to be selected into such an accomplished group of men. I cannot put into words how much it means to me and my family." John lives in Chandler, Arizona with his wife, Lisa. Their two sons, Tyler and Chase, followed in their father's footsteps and became Sigma Chis.

## 'Brotherhood Dinner continued

receptions. Mark is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and Mark and Bart were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 2010 – of course, together.

Sigs of all eras were in attendance with the Class of '81 being well represented. They got updates on chap-

ter and House Corporation activities from Pro Consul Benji Hudson, Mike Andreone and Tom Hall.

Kitchen Steward Mitch LaRowe and the Delta Delta chef provided a great meal, Alumni Relations Chairman Matt Rittman made all the arrangements, and Butch Brose '09 had the house in top shape.



**Drew Greene '18 and his grandfather, Dick Gentry '65, share their Sig legacy.**



**Alumni Sonny Gerber, Ralph Bline, Tom Hall, Doug Smith and Brian Boje enjoyed the evening with all the Sigs.**

One of the special aspects of the Brotherhood Dinner is the inclusion of the Ritual in the event's program. For many of the alumni, who do not have the opportunity to attend a chapter meeting, having a chance to experience the ritual again is very special. Consul Bryce Cirbo '19 performed his duties very well.

For those who attended the Brotherhood Dinner it continues to be a rewarding time to interact with the undergraduates, experience the ritual, and hear from a variety of special guests. Join us next year for another outstanding event.

# Sigs Shave It Off To Support Delta Delta Brother

Fifty brothers lined up to have their heads shaved to raise funds for cancer research and to support a Delta Delta brother, Ben Harmon '21, who is fighting his own battle with cancer. This effort coincided with Delta Delta's annual Derby Days event that promotes awareness about cancer research and raises funds for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

## In Support of a Brother

With the help of Faculty Advisor Jim Vrugink and the Assistant Dean of the Honors College Suzanne Coolbaugh, we were able to promote our Harmon Strong campaign to the fans at Mackey Arena during the Minnesota game televised by FS1.

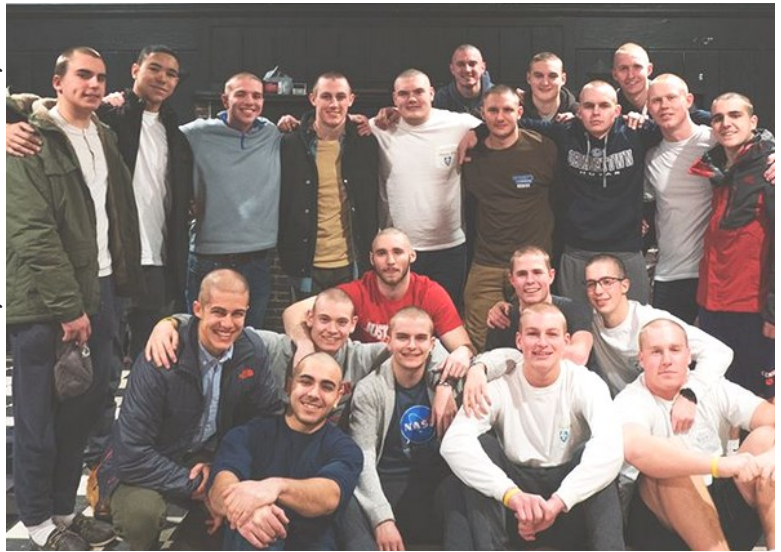
## Derby Days Gets Personal

Ben was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in the Spring of 2016 while in his senior year of high school. He graduated on time but his freshmen year at Purdue was delayed by a year

as he underwent nine months of intense treatment and recovery.

After entering into remission in the Spring of 2017, Ben made up for lost time over the summer catching up with friends, spending quality time with family, and gearing up to start his freshmen year at Purdue.

Ben took part in Rush last fall and became a member of the 2017 pledge class where his positive attitude and leadership quickly made



Sigs "shave it off" in support of Brother Ben Harmon.

him the leader of the freshmen class.

Ben has continued his fight against his cancer with more chemotherapy. We have heard nothing but positive updates and that Ben is responding well to his treatments. We look forward to his return in the fall.

# Luck Not On the Side of Sigs in 2018 Grand Prix

Sometimes the only luck you get is bad luck. That seemed to be the case for the two Sigma Chi karts and their drivers in this year's Grand Prix race run on April 21.

In early practice runs Nick Hale '18 in the Sig Kart #9 and Spencer Meredith '18 in the #99 kart, both ran very consistent lap times. Nate Graber '18 teamed with Nick on the #9 kart, and Will Todd '18, along with crew chief Richard Chen '19, worked with Spencer.

Both driver's had some setbacks during the race but both finished. Kart #9 was clipped in the back wheel sheering the bolts in the wheel hub. After some delay while the wheel was replaced Nick reentered the race and finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place. The #99 kart was involved in an acci-



Driver of Sigma Chi #9, Nick Hale '18 (L) and Crew Chief Nate Graber '18 in their final race.

dent that broke both of the kart's tie rods which meant all steering was lost. After missing around 40 laps as the kart was repaired, Spencer was able to get back in the race and recovered to finish 18<sup>th</sup>.

This year the #9 Kart team was

comprised of: Driver: Nick Hale; Back-up Driver: Kyle Sheehan; Crew Chief: Nate Graber and team members: Matthew Johnson, Parsa Khorasanizadeh and Joe Corcoran.

The #99 team was made up of: Driver: Spencer Meredith; Back-up Driver: Connor Moore; Crew Chief: Richard Chen; and crew: Bryce Cirbo, Will Todd, Scott Nettrour and Dominic Theodosados.

We want to thank our alumni who contributed their time and resources to support our Grand Prix teams. This included brothers Sheldon Alt '10, Greg Burns '14, Charles Carpenter '17, Dexter Odle '17, Spencer Owen '16, John Hettinga '15, Kyle Johnson '17, Alex Dexeus '15, Brian Wihrhahn '15, Mack Hamilton '14 and David Evans '14.



# ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ..... ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



**Tom Leslie '68** was recently appointed Assistant Grand Trustee for the North Central Province by Grand Consul Thomas Geddings, Jr. Tom will work with the current Grand Trustee, Rich Hronek, ZΛ '69, assisting house corporations in fundraising, leases, remodels, renovations, upgrades, alumni recruitment, as well as risk management issues.

His duties include visiting chapters and attending workshops and state days in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Tom has been on Delta Delta's House Corporation for over 25 years and served as President for 20 years.

## Trieschmann '58 Efforts Recognized

Sigma Chi's Mark V. Anderson Character-in-Action Leadership Award is presented to brothers who go out of their way to help others, promote citizenship and lead with integrity. Delta Delta's Don Trieschmann '58 was recently selected as the recipient of this prestigious award.

For the past 12 years Don has used his carpentry skills to help homeowners in need through Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago (RTNSC). This program provides free home repairs and home improvements for the elderly, individuals who are disabled, veterans, and families with children.

As a house captain and a member of RTNSC's board of directors, Don evaluates homes, assesses the costs to make repairs, and then assigns and manages volunteer groups who carry out the work. Don is also active in fund raising and has quadrupled the local RTNSC chapter's capacity to serve.

Many of the homes that RTNSC repairs are often in poor shape. Rehabbing these homes helps the occupants live safe and happy lives which for Don is the most rewarding aspect of the work they do.



**Don Trieschmann '58**

With no end in sight, Don plans to continue to help others through RTNSC. Executive Director Riley stated, "Don continues to immeasurably bless RTNSC, its board, its volunteers, its skilled contractors and those we serve who have fallen on hard times. And he accomplishes all of this with great joy and a sense of fun, endearing him to all."

## Chapter Eternal *"All honor to their names"*

**Lloyd Rhian Jr. '49**, Hattiesburg, MS March 2018

**John Falconer '35**, Lancaster, PA March 2018

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## Carlson '82 Holds Fireside Chat

Significant Sig Marc Carlson '82 returned to Purdue and held a Fireside Chat as the "Old Grad". The undergraduate brothers who gathered in the Great Hall following dinner on Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, had a chance to hear about Brother Carlson's professional career and the role Sigma Chi has played in his success.

Marc has held senior level management positions at GMF Robotics (a division of General Motors), Rasna Corp., Ariba, Microposit Corp., and currently at DocuSign.

Marc spoke about leveraging the Sigma Chi and Delta Delta networks throughout one's career. He has found working closely with other Sigs in his business startups to have been very beneficial.

Networking through philanthropic activities was also something Marc recommended. Being involved in charitable activities outside of work often connects you with others that can help in your career as you are helping others.

Marc commented, "I love the fireside chat tradition and I remember when Buck Rogers (IBM VP of Sales and Miami Sig) and Significant Sig Bob

Friend ΔΔ '57 coming back to talk when I was in school. It's a 100 year old tradition in front of the fireplace.....what an honor!"



**Marc Carlson '82**

## Send Your Rush Recommendations To Delta Delta

The recruitment process continues to be the lifeblood of our Fraternity as we seek men who meet the Jordan Standard.

Please send your rush recommendations to Rush Chairmen Drew Greene, Frank Muehlman and Sam Rudder at [rushpurduesigs@gmail.com](mailto:rushpurduesigs@gmail.com).

## Hall '57 Thrills Crowd at Florida Luncheon

The annual Southwest Florida Delta Delta Luncheon was held in Naples on February 24<sup>th</sup> with thirty brothers, sweethearts, and guests in attendance. Our speaker this year was Dick Hall '57, who was Con-

sul of the chapter as an undergraduate.

Dick spoke about his horrendous experience in 1977 of being kidnapped for three days by a mentally deranged man who, for much of that time, had a shotgun wired to the back of Dick's head. Following the luncheon Dick commented, "I spoke about the ordeal that I went through 41 years ago and wrote a book about recently, called "Kiristis and Me". What I learned is that "one can be surprised at what he can do if he has to, and has faith". I feel certain that my Sigma Chi training and principles played a part in my enduring this ordeal. It felt good to share my experience with my brothers. I have many fond memories of my days at Purdue."



**Bernie Sergesketter '58 (L) interviews Dick Hall at 2018 Sig Luncheon.**