



Delta Delta Data

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Sigs from all eras returned for the annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf Outing at the Kampen-Cosler golf course at Purdue.

33rd Annual Alumni Golf Outing A Big Success

The sun shone brightly on the 68 brothers out on the Kampen-Cosler golf course on June 8th. The course was in great shape for the serious and not so serious golfers. Regardless of the level of golf skill all the Sigs had a great time catching up with their pledge brothers and the other Sigs in attendance.

As challenging as the course played, especially with the wind factored in, there were some great scores turned in. The winning foursome of Frank Speek, Jordan Eddy, Paul Leffler and Jack Coon, all from the Class of 2015, shot an impressive 15 under par. Second place went to the foursome from the Class of 1977 of Steve Cosler, Tom Schneider, Mike Espenlaub and Phil Steele at 11 under par. Third place went to Eric Morgan, Craig Johnson, Jason Baker, Jeff

Hosp and Brian Griffith, all Class of 1995, at minus 10. Other awards went to Jack Coon '15 and Jim MacDonald '80 for closest to the pin on two designated holes and Bob Smith '65 took home top honors for the longest drive.

It was great to see the strong attendance from the Classes of 1977, 1968 and 1980. The Class of '77 had 13 from their class in attendance. It was also fun to note from how many distant states brothers traveled Texas, Florida, California and Connecticut.

At the dinner held at the chapter house we got an update from Jeff McKean on next year's 150th Anni-

versary celebration, and from Phil Steele on how the chapter revitalization efforts were going.



2024 Champs from the Class of 2015 (L-R) Paul Leffler, Jordan Eddy, Jack Coon, and Frank Speek.

As always, our special thanks to Brian Griffith '95 for organizing this event and to Steve Smith '97 and Butch Brose '09 for helping to register golfers and arrange the meal.

Save the Dates: June 12-15, 2025 Delta Delta's 150th Anniversary Celebration



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 Mitchell Rittman '26

This past semester was a successful one for the men at 202 Littleton St. We were fortunate enough to begin the calendar year by claiming the J. Dwight Peterson Most Improved Chapter Award for the Central Indiana Province at the Indiana State Day banquet. In addition to the Most Improved Chapter Award, we also won the Richard E. Hester Most Philanthropic Chapter Award due to our success with Derby Days and Jubilee Christmas the year prior.

We continued to build on this positive momentum with a third consecutive semester without receiving any charges from the Interfraternity Council. In addition to remaining in good standing with the university, after speaking with both Chris Hicks, the Ritual Master assigned to guide us through the Chapter Enhancement Program, a program that we were placed in following our membership review in January of 2023, as well as the Director of the Chapter Enhancement Program, I am thrilled to say that we are expected to graduate from the program heading into next year. Not only that, but Delta Delta is also



At this year's State Day, Delta Delta claimed both the Richard E. Hester Most Philanthropic Chapter Award and the Dwight Peterson Most Improved Chapter Award.

eligible to win a Peterson award for the first time since the 2018-2019 academic year. Sophomore Richard Obert will be attending the Krach Transformational Leadership Workshop this August where we hope he will be able to collect the award in addition to the leadership development he will undergo there.

Along with these achievements, some of our brothers took on some brand new roles this semester. Former Consul David Kolssak was finally able to relax for all of three weeks before starting his term as President of the Interfraternity Council. Two more brothers were selected to serve on the council as junior Drew Parker will serve as the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the next year alongside sophomore Jack Lefebvre who will serve as the Associate Vice President of Risk Management. More impressively, in addition to his work on the Interfraternity Council, Drew Parker was also elected as the National Undergraduate President for the Minorities in Agriculture and Natural Resources organization.

In between these individual and chapter successes, the chapter was still able to have some fun this semester as well. Following our first Blue Formal in five years in December, we were able to put on a Pledge Dance in February after missing it due to our sanctions from the IFC and International Fraternity last year.

During the Boilermakers' sensational run to the National Championship game, we were thrilled to have our mothers present during our watch party against NC State, a part of an incredible Mom's Weekend that was made possible by the hard work of Mom's Weekend chairman Leo Detwiler. Derby Days followed as we raised more than \$25,000 for the second consecutive year thanks to the hard work of the entire chapter, especially Derby Days chairman John

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Sigs Honored at 2024 SW Florida Delta Delta Luncheon

Over 50 Sigs and their Sweethearts attended the annual SW Florida luncheon held at the Club on the Strand in Naples, Florida on February 8, 2024. Hosted by Bernie Sergesketter '58 and Eric Morgan '95 this gathering continues to grow in attendance and impact.

At this year's gathering two Significant Sigs were recognized and another brother was presented Delta Delta's Ben Taylor award.

2023 Significant Sigs Recognized
Past Grand Consul Dennis Santoli presented Eric Morgan '95 with his Significant Sig award. Eric was recognized for his business success and philanthropy. Eric's complete list of accomplishments can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Eric-Morgan>.

Sigma Chi's Executive Secretary Eric Church was on hand to present Don Fesko '94 with his Significant Sig certificate and medal. Brother Church described Don's accomplishments in providing healthcare services in northwest Indiana. Don's full award bio can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/Don-Fesko>.

Ben Taylor Award Recipient

The surprise event of the luncheon was awarding Gavin Philipps '95 with Delta Delta's Ben Taylor Award for his exceptional commit-



Eric Morgan '95 (L) receives his Significant Sig award from Past Grand Consul Dennis Santoli.



Don Fesko '94 is presented his Significant Sig award from Sigma Chi's Executive Secretary Eric Church.

ment in leading our chapter's revitalization efforts. Phil Steele '77 spoke of Gavin's timely engagement in working with the undergraduates and alumni that led to significant changes within the chapter. Phil remarked, "Gavin's determination, enthusiasm and resolve have pushed the chapter's revitalization effort forward to a point where all the requirements of the university and national Fraternity have been met. Our journey continues, but without Gavin's extraordinary commitment of time and energy, we certainly would not be where we are today."

Chapter Revitalization Update

Following the award presentations, Gavin Philipps '95, Consul Mitchell Rittman '26, and past Consul David Kolssak '25 updated the alumni and guests on the progress of the chapter's revitalization efforts. Highlights included Sigma Chi taking a strong pledge class of 20 brothers, and having the largest GPA improvement and most philanthropy dollars raised of any of the other Greek organizations. Delta Delta brothers have recently been elected as President of IFC and now hold positions

at all levels within IFC. And on December 9th, the brothers held Blue Formal for the first time in four years.

Alumni Support Commended

Knowing that the chapter would experience low occupancy this year and next, alumni have been asked to up their annual fund contributions to provide additional financial support to the chapter. At this time over \$77,000 has been given toward the revitalization efforts. One of the unique stories was how one alumnus, after having a random conversation with a father of one of the brothers in the house, rallied his pledge brothers to contribute \$8500 to the chapter to cover the expenses for Blue Formal.

Brandon Cutler, Purdue's Director of Greek Services, stated that he has never seen the level of alumni support and engagement he has experi-



Gavin Philipps '95 (center) was honored with Delta Delta's Ben Taylor Award by Phil Steele '77 (left) and Scott Hutton '94.

enced with our chapter. It has been through our alumni efforts that our younger brothers are learning about what is expected of a Delta Delta Sig.

Event Ends on a High Note

Prior to the closing of the luncheon and the brothers heading for the golf course, all the Sweethearts present were serenaded with the *Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* and a rousing rendition of *My Name is Sigma Chi Sir*.

Activity Room Gets Sports Vibe

Over the holiday break the downstairs Activity Room received a makeover that now gives it more of a “sports bar” vibe. The goal was to make this room more attractive for just hanging out.

A Great Spot to Watch Games
Five 27” TV monitors were added to the room along with new bar stools, a mini fridge and a shuffleboard table. The old couches from the Great Hall were moved downstairs to add more seating. Purdue and Sigma Chi signs and sports memorabilia also will add to the atmosphere of the updated room.

To give the room a fresh look, Jay Milligan stripped the floor and gave it four coats of sealer and two coats of finish wax. A fresh coat of paint was also applied to the walls.



The refurbished Activity Room awaits the brothers.

Consul Mitchell Rittman '26 stated, “This gives us a great space for the brothers to hang out and watch Purdue and NCAA basketball and football games. We want to thank House Corp President Tom Hall for helping us upgrade the Activity Room, and House Director Jay Milligan for overseeing this project.”

Consul’s Corner continued

McCall. Unfortunately our Grand Prix carts did not qualify for the race this year, but we were still able to close out the semester with some athletic success as our intramural softball team had an undefeated season culminating in 10-9 victory in the championship game.

Sophomore Heemir Patel and I had an absolutely incredible experience at the Horizons Leadership Summit in Snowbird, Utah. During this time, not only were we able to visit the Huntsman Cancer Institute and gain a deeper understanding of the cause we dedicate Derby Days to. Words truly cannot describe just how impactful this experience was for Heemir and me. We can’t wait to apply the lessons learned from that Horizon’s to the chapter in our remaining years at Purdue.

I’m thrilled for sophomore Joe Huntine and incoming Pro-Consul Drew Folkers to have similar experiences at Horizons later this summer.

Sigma Chi Derby Days Raises \$25,000

Raising money to help beat cancer is the goal of Derby Days held each year at Delta Delta, but so is having fun. This year ten sororities took part to have fun and raise awareness of how Sigma Chi’s support of the Huntsman Institute contributes to ongoing cancer research. Through the contributions of the brothers and

their families, alumni, and the sororities through the Coin Wars competition, \$25,000 was raised.

Derby Days Remembers Nancy Clark

The event kicked off with a White Rose ceremony in remembrance of those family members and friends of all the Derby Day participants who had lost their lives to cancer.

Special recognition was given to Nancy Clark, Delta Delta’s long time cook/housemother who passed away in 2016. At the time a group of brothers raised funds to celebrate Nancy’s commitment to Delta Delta. They offered these donations to her family, but they declined and asked that the money be spent on the chapter. So, in Nancy’s honor \$1000 from this fund has been donated to the Huntsman Institute each year for the past eight years to support the

chapter’s Derby Day’s fundraising.

The four-day event began on Tuesday with the Opening Ceremony followed by an Olympic style competition including a slip n slide, running with an egg held on a spoon, jousting and a 50-yard dash. On Wednesday there was Tug of War; Thursday, Dodgeball; and Friday, a concert and talent show.

Pi Beta Phi with team captains Drew Parker and Max Bratchie took top honors. Followed by Zeta Tau Alpha, team captains, Clark Sweet and Jack Grote; and then Kappa Kappa Gamma, team captains, Zoraiz Saad and Kyle Bastian. Other sororities taking part were Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Chi Omega, Phi Mu, Delta Zeta and Alpha Phi.

Thanks to all the Sig families, alumni, and sororities who supported this year’s Derby Days event.



Derby Days participants raise funds for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Jim Andrew Enters Chapter Eternal

Jim, whose family is well established for multiple generations in the Lafayette community, has a long Sigma Chi legacy. Jim's grandfather, Joseph, ΔΔ 1908, brother Jess, ΔΔ 1970, and son's Jay, ΔΔ 1998, and Tom ΔΔ 2003 were part of this lineage.

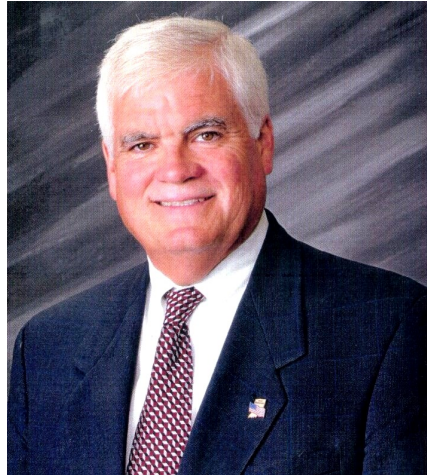
Upon graduating from Ball State University in 1971, Jim returned to Lafayette in 1972 to begin his long run as one of Greater Lafayette's most engaging and committed citizens. For over 25 years Jim served on Delta Delta's House Corporation where he provided his expertise and local source of building materials for much of the maintenance done on the chapter house. Jim was also a key source of direction and support during the 2007 construction phase of the renovation of the chapter house. Additionally, Jim supported his own chapter, Epsilon Omega, in their building campaign and served on Ball State's Alumni Council.

Jim was President and owner of Henry Poor Lumber Company where he began work in 1972 and later purchased the business in 1983. His operations also included Flooring Express.

Jim served as a Tippecanoe County Councilman for sixteen years and was very active with Junior Achievement, the YMCA, Camp Tecumseh, Sigma Chi Fraternity, the Community Cancer Network and numerous other community groups.

How to Order Dave's Book

Contact Dave Schellhase at davidgenejr@gmail.com to receive an order form. The Schellhase Story can also be purchased on Amazon. Books ordered directly from Dave can have a personal note added.

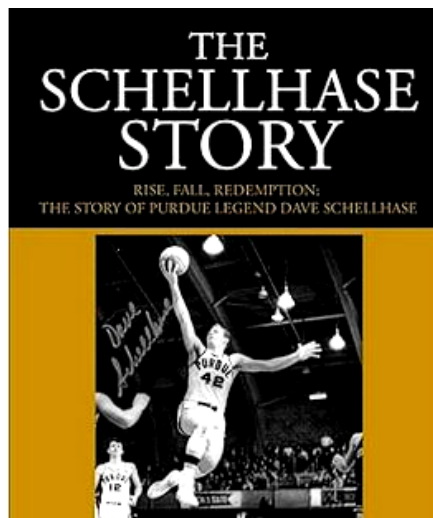


**Jim Andrew '71 Epsilon Omega
(Ball State)**

Dave Schellhase Story

The Schellhase Story ... the story of Purdue legend Dave Schellhase, ΔΔ Class of 1966, has been recently published and is now available directly from Dave or through Amazon. Dave (with author Tom Speaker) relates his journey through a life of athletics. A journey filled with highs and lows that were covered extensively in the sports media throughout the nation.

Dave is a member of the Purdue Athletics, Indiana High School Basketball, and Moorehead State Hall of Fames.



R. Noah Berry '48

Noah Berry '48, a lifetime member of Sigma Chi, entered Chapter Eternal on August 31, 2023.

Noah was the youngest electrical contractor in Richmond, IN when he started Berry Electric and retired his license as the oldest. He built his successful business on the philosophy of, "if you want it done right" he was the one to contact.

Chapter Eternal "All honor to their names"

R. Noah Berry '48, Banner, WY
8-31-2023

Lawrence Fricke '48, Indianapolis, IN
2-2023

Charles Weaver '50, Spokane, WA
8-13-2022

John Grozier '54, Bonita Springs, FL
10-2023

Donn Kirk '54, Sammamish, WA
1-2021

George Morton '58, Lebanon, IN
10-20-2023

Don Trieschmann '58, Winnetka, IL
3-6-2024

James Baldauf '59, Zionsville, IN
4-2022

Robert Lipscomb, Jr '59,
Georgetown, TX 9-2022

Lloyd McKenzie '59, Bonita Springs,
FL 1-12-2024

William Pettibone, Jr '66, Bloomfield
Village, MI 12-2020

James A. Andrew '71, Lafayette, IN
4-14-2024

Jeffrey Loop '71, Indianapolis, IN
8-2023

David Blickenstaff '77, Pueblo West,
CO 11-16-2023

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Sigs Follow Boilermakers to Final Four

Delta Delta Sigs from across the country converged on Phoenix, AZ to support the Purdue Men's Basketball team in their quest for a national championship. For more photos and stories go to: <https://rb.gy/sdswxg>.

