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John Pomeroy '63



Norm Bafunno '83



Jack Mollenkopf '95



Brian Craig '98



Keith Langbo '98



Nate Gustus '05

## Brothers Honored For Their Contributions

The chapter held its third Alumni Honors Dinner at the chapter house on November 8, 2024. During the evening's festivities five brothers received Significant Sig awards and another, the Ben Taylor Award. It was an inspirational evening as the honorees and their pledge brothers spoke of their accomplishments and the role Sigma Chi and being part of Delta Delta played in their success.

Gavin Philipps '95 kicked off the honors presentations with opening remarks that reflected on the significance of having a chapter with so many accomplished alumni, and the critical skills and experience each of the honorees gained from their time living in the chapter house.

The new Significant Sigs were John Pomeroy '63, Norm Bafunno '83, Jack Mollenkopf, Jr. '95, Brian Craig '98 and Keith Langbo '98. It was fun to hear what each pledge brother had to say about their relationship with the honoree and his pledge class. The individual remarks from each of the

Significant Sigs were extremely impactful and spoken from the heart. With a number of wives, children and other family members present, it was a proud moment when each was presented his Significant Sig plaque. Delta Delta remains the Sigma Chi chapter with the most Significant Sigs with 71.

Two of the recipients, Keith Langbo and John Pomeroy, received their awards and addressed the crowd remotely from their homes. Keith, who currently resides in London, stayed up until after midnight to take part. John, who is battling Parkinson's disease, spoke passionately from his home in southern California.

Nate Gustus '05 was honored with the chapter's Ben Taylor Award given in recognition of his extraordinary commitment, dedication, and ongoing service to Delta Delta. Nate has served as Chapter Advisor for the past 10 years working dili-

gently to address the upheaval caused by Covid in 2020 and has been ever present throughout the chapter's recent challenges. Nate was named Purdue's IFC Chapter Advisor of the Year in 2020.



**Phil Steele '77 presents Keith Langbo '98 with his Significant Sig award over Zoom.**

The chapter also recognized the life and contributions to Delta Delta of Jim Andrew EΩ '71 (Ball State). Steve Boyce '98 reflected on Jim's unconditional support of Delta Delta and the brothers over the 25 years he served on the House Corporation.

**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

It's been an exciting Fall term at 202 Littleton Street. Two weeks before the semester began, we won a Peterson award at the Krach Transformational Leadership Workshop for our efforts throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. We were able to capitalize on this momentum and welcomed in a pledge class of 30 excellent young men. The freshmen were eager to get involved and dove headfirst into philanthropy events around Purdue and won Phi Mu's annual Miracle Mania contest supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Throughout their pledgeship, we were fortunate to have Phil Steele, Brian Griffiths, David Woodruff, Guenter Haines, and Bryce Brumm come back to the chapter to speak to the freshmen about their time in the house, what it meant to them, and how it remains an impactful part of their lives whether that be due to the lifelong brotherhood 202 has brought them, meaningful connections Sigma Chi has brought about, or lessons they learned as

so many great people in one room and the chapter is grateful to have been able to listen to Norm Baffunno, John Pomeroy, Brian Craig, Keith Langbo, and Jack Mollenkopf Jr. speak as they received their prestigious awards. Also at the banquet, we were able to honor Nate Gustus with the Ben Taylor Award for his dedication to serving the chapter as an advisor for almost a decade. Nate's guidance has been crucial in leading the chapter through the rough patches we have hit over the past few years, and we would not have been able to win the Peterson award this past summer without his support.

As this semester concludes and marks the end of my term as Consul, I'm excited to say that I will be stepping into the role of Interfraternity Council President. I'm also excited to be able to pass the torch to Owen Coleman as he begins his term as Consul. Owen is a sophomore majoring in aerospace engineering and a leader on campus in the Purdue Student Concert Committee. Owen's Pro Consul, Heemir Patel, is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering and is secretary of Purdue's chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, one of the largest engineering clubs at Purdue. Heemir also attended the Horizons Leadership Summit this summer. I'm confident the two of them will make an excellent team and be phenomenal leaders for the chapter.



**Building the evergreen arch for Blue Formal 2024.**

undergrads that have stuck with them to this day.

Additionally, at the beginning of November, we had the opportunity to host another Significant Sig banquet in our beloved Great Hall. It was a humbling experience to see

Elsewhere on campus, senior and former Pro Consul, Wayne Detwiler, is a cadet in Purdue's ROTC ranger team. Wayne is in the Purdue Boiler Battalion which was honored at halftime of the women's basketball game against Notre Dame for placing in the top five out of forty

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## Brotherhood Challenge Renews Ideals and Faith

A group of ten brothers from the Delta Delta Classes of '95, '96, and '98 gathered together in late September in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky to explore the local outdoors while also reflecting on the ideals of the White Cross.

We learn early in our Sigma Chi journey that we are indissolubly linked by the firm chains of brotherhood and that there are strong arms that surround us. These brothers rekindle those principles each year by getting together to dive into their faith, spend intentional time to push and challenge one another, enjoy the great outdoors, and explore topics that will make them better men, brothers, husbands, fathers, and leaders.

In 2021 Brian Schultz '96, Taylor Phillips '96, and Bryce Brumm '96 met for the first time to do some hiking and help each other work through some life transitions. This gathering has grown into an annual Brotherhood Challenge with a mission to bring together men who help each other learn and live out God's purpose for their lives. The mentoring and core framework for the weekend came from the brotherhood that Christ taught.

This year, the ten brothers hiked to Natural Bridge and Grey's Arch (in the rain as Hurricane Helene weather hit the area) and explored an abandoned mine that has been washed out with an aquifer at The Gorge Underground.

During these adventures the brothers broke into groups to have intentional conversations about a trove of deep real-life topics. The rest of the time was filled with vulnerable conversations about faith stories, times of solitude, and digging into topics like rest, money, and other subjects that challenge men in their daily lives. And there was plenty of time for stories of the days of old at 202! We laughed and cried, shared victories and challenges, but most importantly, the time spent together was filled with love and support from other men that want the best for you. This brotherhood retreat is a living example of the Sigma Chi



(L-R) Brad Dewey '95, Taylor Phillips '96, James Cole '98, Gavin Philipps '95, Brian Schultz '96, Bryce Brumm '96, Nate Harris '96, Dan Elmhurst '96, Jason Bedsworth '95 and Steve Boyce '98.

values that are housed in Christian principles. It is a true testament of brotherhood and of the lifelong commitment that we first learned as undergraduates at 202 Littleton. There is no better way to pursue your calling, renew your faith, and find accountability than through a commitment with your brothers that will allow you to fight the good fight and continue your quest to find the White Cross. Feel free to contact Brian Schultz at [vgabschultz@gmail.com](mailto:vgabschultz@gmail.com) if interested in learning more.

## Class of '84 Returns for 40th Reunion

Jay Smith '84 reported that a number of his pledge brothers returned to Delta Delta to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion at Homecoming, September 27-28. Festivities got started Friday with breakfast at Triple X and then they were first in line at Harry's later that afternoon where they were joined by more of their pledge brothers. Friday evening concluded with dinner at the Lafayette Country Club.

Saturday the group enjoyed the Homecoming activities before making their way to the Sigma Chi – Kappa tailgate. Then it was off to

watch the Boilermakers take on Nebraska.

John Wysocky commented, "It was a fun weekend and great to see everyone. I'm looking forward to the next time the Class of '84 returns to celebrate our many years as brothers."



**The Class of '84:** Pictured in the front row are Brown-Eyed Sweethearts Katrina Hockemeyer and Rita Smith, Scott Ainsworth, Dave Kaminski, Jeff Wilson, and John Heiliger. Back row: Steve Nelson, Todd Hockemeyer, Jay Smith, Ed Lederer, Brian Tulloh, Bob Woods and John Wysocky.



## Mentors Make An Impact

Steve Smith '97 and Emerson Foote '27 are leading Delta Delta's Alumni Mentor program which matches an alumnus with an undergraduate based on career and personal interests. Currently 45 alumni have committed to working with an undergraduate to be a sounding board, provide advice, and be a trusted friend when guidance is sought.

Many of you have offered to help in any way you can to support the undergraduates as they reestablish Sigma Chi as the leading fraternity at Purdue. The **Delta Delta Alumni Mentor Program** is that opportunity to make a difference by sharing your own experiences and supporting the academic and career objectives of a younger brother.

All that is required is a desire to support a Delta Delta brother as they find their way through their collegiate experience. The active chapter is seeking to match every brother with an alumni mentor, a program started last year that proved very beneficial to our younger brothers.



**The Old Grad speaking with his younger brothers.**

Spending time with an undergraduate brother will reengage the mentor with the chapter and will make a big difference in the future success of our undergraduates. Having a regular conversation with your mentee on your schedule is all that is asked, meeting in person, by phone, or video conference. It does not require you to live close by.

Steve and Emerson could use a few more mentors. Interested? Contact Steve at [scsmith97@yahoo.com](mailto:scsmith97@yahoo.com).

## Consul's Corner continued

teams from Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan. Additionally, Kyle Bastian, a member of the 2026 pledge class, commenced his first year of Purdue's College of Pharmacy Doctorate program.



**Wayne Detwiler '25**

As the semester comes to a close, we are looking forward to Blue Formal, the second consecutive one after it had taken a four year hiatus due to various probationary periods. For the first time since our membership review in February of 2023, the chapter once again has four full pledge classes. We are grateful for the unwavering support from our alumni in this span. Due to such support and the hard work from our undergraduates, the chapter has put together a remarkable turnaround and I am excited to see Delta Delta continue to thrive and to see the most recent pledge class contribute to our beloved fraternity and chapter.

## New Pledge Class Joins Ranks of Sigma Chi

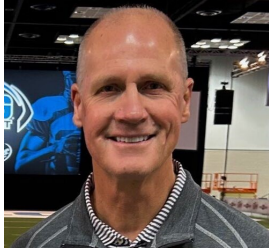


Thirty new brothers entered the ranks of Sigma Chi on November 8 under the guidance of Magister Kevin McCarthy '25. Twenty members of this class hail from Indiana from Goshen to Charleston. Four are from California, two from Tennessee, and one each from Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

## ALUMNI NEWS ..... ALUMNI NEWS ..... ALUMNI NEWS .....

## Herrmann Moves to Broadcast Booth

Mark Herrmann '81 was tabbed as the new color analyst for Purdue football games on the Boilermaker Sports Network on July 15. Herrmann joined the Voice of the Boilermakers, Tim Newton, in the radio booth following the retirement of Purdue Football alum Pete Quinn, who spent 32 seasons in the announcing chair calling Boilermaker games on the gridiron.



**Mark Herrmann '81**

Herrmann has experience on the Boilermaker Sports Network, having filled in as an analyst and sideline reporter several times over the past few seasons.

"I am extremely excited to join the Boilermaker Sports Network," said Herrmann upon being named to this role. "It is an opportunity to be a part of a great team that is passionate about bringing the best coverage and insight into the Purdue football broadcast every week. I hope to add my personal touch as a former player, announcer and fan."

Mark just completed his first full season during a very tough season for the Boilers. The reviews from his

Delta Delta brothers have all been positive. Mark, as a former quarterback, brought some in-depth insight into his commentary.

During his time on the field, Herrmann was a unanimous First Team All-American and the Big Ten Most Valuable Player in 1980. Herrmann was the first college quarterback to throw for 8,000 yards and then continued raising the bar by becoming the first to reach 9,000 yards in college football history. He finished his career with 9,946 yards, along with (at the time) a school-record 71 touchdown passes. He is one of only three Boilermaker quarterbacks to have started three (or more) consecutive bowl games as well as the only one to have won three, earning MVP honors in the 1978 Peach, 1979 Bluebonnet and 1980 Liberty bowls.

Herrmann played 11 seasons in the NFL and was inducted into the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010. Following his NFL career, he served as a radio color commentator for the Colts for ten years.

Mark's current day job is as the director of leadership and alumni engagement for the John Purdue Club.



**David '83, Zach '14 and Greg '80 Westerbeek summited White Mountain in California. It's a 16 mile, 14 hour hike with a rewarding Sig photo at the summit.**

**Planning is underway for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Delta Delta's founding.**

**Join us on June 12-15, 2025  
More details at  
<https://bit.ly/4f3YHtf>**

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

**Jack E. Willer '48**, Columbus, OH  
8-2024

**Thomas Beeler '55**, Chatsworth, CA  
8-2024

**Hermann Metz '62**, St Charles, MO  
9-29-2023

**Graydon Skeoch '63**, Anderson, IN  
7-2024

**Lawrence Harmon '64**, Woodlands, TX  
7-10-2024

**James Ohms '65**, Lacanada, CA  
9-2024

**Dennis Stine '65**, Naperville, IL  
9-2024

**L. Alan Harris '72**, Vevay, IN  
8-2019

## Southwest Florida Delta Delta Luncheon Club at the Strand, Naples, Florida Friday, February 14, 2025



A Valentine's Day Treat for Sigs and their Sweethearts.  
Join us at the spectacular Club at the Strand for a wonderful gathering of Sigma Chi spirit.

To Register please contact Bernie Sergesketter at [serge.bfs@att.net](mailto:serge.bfs@att.net).

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## Class of '74 Dedicates Maloney Memorial Bench



**The Class of '74 gathers to dedicate the Tim Maloney '74 Memorial Bench. Front Row: Cary Fitchey, Curt Carlson, Kim Sermersheim, Mike Hull, Ken Klotz, Brad Gustafson, Glen Johnson, Doug Meadows, Jack Kratzmeyer, Scott Renwick, George Rich Back Row: Sandy Burns, Dave Laitinen, Ward Paige, Phil Haehl, Curt Uminger, Bill Alzos, John Keach, John Yates and Butch Brose '09.**

Curt Carlson '74 remarked, "Our weekend back at Purdue was profound. The Class of '74 celebrated our 50th reunion and dedicated the stone bench in honor of Tim Maloney '74. Nineteen of us gathered from as far away as Hawaii, California, New Hampshire, and Florida because Tim meant so much to us and to the House." Carlson added, "The experience of being a member of this fraternity at this university

was a privilege that affected our lives, and we are forever grateful. Our time at 202 Littleton shaped us to be good and kind people. Everyone of us felt our lives were enhanced by our experience at Delta Delta and being able to call Tim a friend."

At the White Rose ceremony Tim was remembered as "A man of high character, friend and brother to all,

with uncommon courage, this bench is set on these grounds to honor the life of Brother Tim Maloney; to acknowledge the contributions he made to the Brothers and this Chapter House of Sigma Chi Fraternity; and to inspire those who pass through this house to build their lives in the same core values of Character, Courage and Friendship."

### 50 Years of Brotherhood

As part of the Class of '74's return the weekend of October 4 – 6, the Sigs took the opportunity to celebrate their 50th reunion. Although not completely organized at all times, the Sigs had a busy agenda which started at Harry's Chocolate Shop Friday afternoon before the group headed out to dinner. Saturday morning the 19 brothers congregated at the Sig house to hold the White Rose Ceremony and dedicate the Tim Maloney Memorial bench. Afterward they visited the chapter house before taking a tour of Purdue's athletic facilities arranged by Phil Haehl '74. The Class of '74 concluded their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion celebration with dinner at Bistro 501 in downtown Lafayette.

While in town they also took time to cruise through campus and stop at several of the Purdue bookstores.