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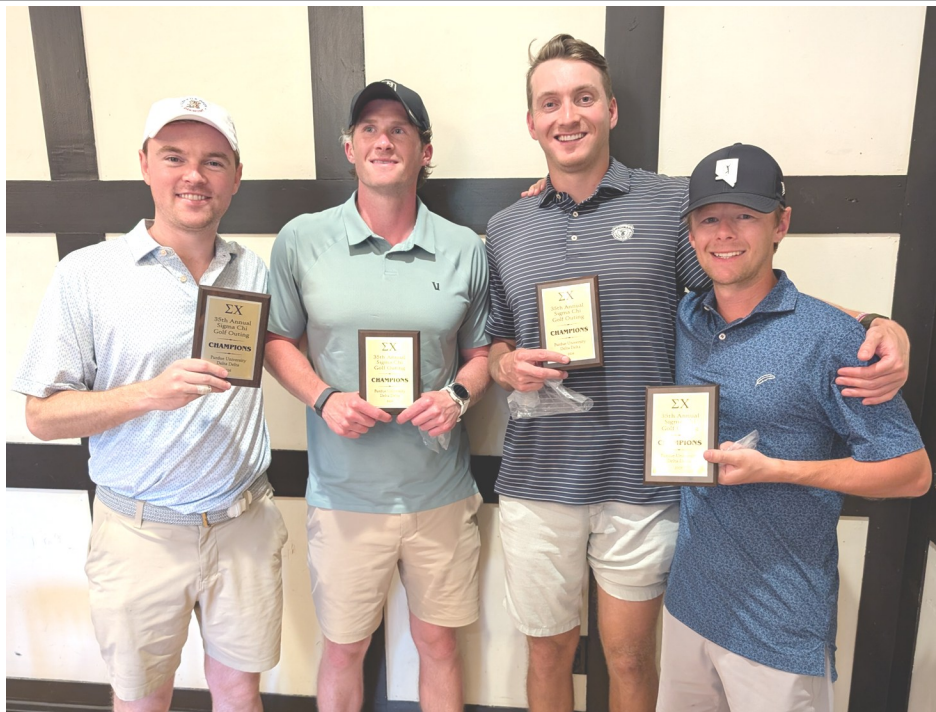
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Bell Chapter Endowment Created

At the 150th Anniversary Celebration a discussion between Delta Delta alumni and Sigma Chi Foundation President Mike Greenberg was held encouraging Delta Delta to invest in an endowment that would provide extra scholarships and leadership training to the chapter. To become a Bell Endowed Chapter required an investment of \$1 million. At the time eleven other Sigma Chi chapters were endowed at this level.

Through the committed effort of Bernie Sergesketter '58, who called on a select group of brothers, he was able to announce at the January House Corporation meeting that we had achieved the \$1 million goal. Lead gifts were given by Tom Friel '69, Mark Sand '73, David True '73, Bill Townsend '75, Rick Smith '81, and Ron Carpinella '91. Contributions were received from 41 other brothers.

The endowment funds leadership programming designed specifically for our undergraduate brothers helping them grow as leaders, strengthen our chapter, and carry forward the values that make Sigma Chi so special. The first leadership retreat was held in April. Additional leadership programming will be ongoing with mentorship and leadership programs delivered quarterly by Delta Delta alumni and the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute. Topics will address the challenges and opportunities facing the young men of the chapter at the time, but rooted in the seven virtues of our Fraternity.



Top honors for the 35th Annual Golf Outing went to Drew Greene '19, Brady Fleming '19, Jay Jennings '19 and Dan Montgomery '19.

Annual Golf Outing Builds Class Unity

The weather was ideal for the 35th Annual Delta Delta Alumni golf outing held on June 13th. After last year's huge turnout for our 150th Anniversary celebration, the numbers were smaller, but for those in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity to play some golf and share time with Sigs of all generations. The Classes of 1968 and 1977 had their usual strong showing with several brothers also returning from the Classes of '80 – '86. Phil Steele '77 noted, "It was fun to play with some of the younger players and share stories from our respective eras and hear about their careers and families."

Although more senior golfers were participating, it was the youngest team that took top honors. The team of Drew Greene '19, Brady Fleming '19, Jay Jennings '19 and Dan Montgomery '19 shot an impressive 13 under par on the very challenging Kampen-Cosler course at Purdue.

After the golf the Sigs returned to the chapter house for dinner, awards and a raffle drawing. It was another great event organized by Brian Griffiths '95 and Jeff McKean '86. Special thanks go out to Jay Milligan and Butch Brose '09 for getting the house ready for the brother's return. As always everything looked great.



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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 Preston Bunch '28

It was a great semester for the brothers at 202 Littleton Street. At State Day our chapter received the Participation Award. This award is given to the chapter with the highest attendance and level of involvement throughout State Day. We also finished the semester with no violations for the third semester in a row. This is a testament to the brothers in the house and their dedication to preserving something that means so much to all of us.

Our chapter Balfour Award nominee this year was Mitchell Rittman '26. Mitchell served as Consul in 2024 and has dedicated a significant portion of his college career to the chapter. He also served as IFC President in 2025. He majored in Economics and will begin a full-time position with Eli Lilly.

Mom's Day was filled with fun and great memories. The weekend included bowling, painting and planting flower pots, and a bonfire with a couple of sororities that were also celebrating Mom's Day. Our chef, Chef Sal, prepared an incredible brunch for all of the moms, which was a great way to wrap up the weekend.

While Derby Days' main focus is raising money for cancer research,

it is also about having fun and building community. We had 10 sororities compete this year, helping us raise more than \$27,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Research Foundation. We also introduced several new events, including a call-a-thon with the sororities, where they were given 30 minutes to raise as much money as possible. In that short time, they raised more than \$9,000.

It was an unforgettable season for Sigma Chi Racing in the 69th Purdue Grand Prix. This year, we officially qualified for the race for the first time since 2023 and earned our first race placement since 2016. Kart #68, driven by Ian Brady '28, started 25th and fought all the way to a fourth-place finish, moving up 21 positions and tying for the Most Overtakes Award. Under Crew Chiefs Heemir Patel '27 and Eric Boyd '27, we also ran Kart #9 as a rookie development kart, giving newer members valuable hands-on experience while helping build the future of our program. Alex Dibble '29 drove Kart #9 in the sprint races, advancing from 14th to 9th while competing for a spot in the main race.

We'd like to thank all the alumni who supported us with their contributions and help in making this year's Derby Days and Grand Prix events so special and successful.



Brothers (L:R) Matthew Marrano '29, Preston Bunch '28, Ryder Hutton '29, Sam Drewry '29, and John Reynolds '29 enjoy Mom's Day with their Moms.

For chapter updates go to www.facebook.com/sigmachideltadelta and <https://www.instagram.com/sigmachideltadelta/>.

Cole, Wilson Named Significant Sigs in 2026

James Cole '98 began his career at Intel in 1997 following his graduation from Purdue. Over the next 25 years James took on a succession of leadership roles that led him to directing Intel's Data Center and Artificial Intelligence Group, as Vice President and General Manager overseeing Xeon product lines



James Cole '98

generating over \$4B in annual revenue and managing a budget exceeding \$5B.

James was a founding team member of Intel's Atom microprocessor product, which became the fastest product in Intel's history to surpass \$1B in both revenue and margin, growing to over \$8B in revenue.

James also served as Intel's representative on the FIDO (Fast Identity Online) Alliance for ten years, where he was an Executive Committee member and Treasurer, working with the world's leading technology companies to advance passwordless authentication and passkey technology. Following his tenure at Intel,

James joined Cisco in 2025 as Vice President of Product Management, Strategy and Business Development in the Data Center Group, where he leads a growth business spanning data center networking and AI infrastructure, driving over \$5B in annual revenue.

Brian Wilson '98, is being recognized as a Significant Sig in 2026 for his stellar corporate career at Cummins, Inc, where his strategic vision, approachable leadership style, and ability to empower teams has led to the development of innovative power solutions that drive a future of zero-emissions.

Brian's track record of success led Cummins, one of the world's largest manufacturers of engines and power generation products, to select him to lead the Electrified Components Business, an internal start-up and largest strategic investment outside of diesel engines in Cummins' over 100-year history. Brian's efforts to lead design, development and ultimately delivery of all electronic mobility components to customers globally is a foundational shift for Cummins.

Brian's role expanded in 2024 into a combined eMobility business, which involves leadership of an 850+ person team with four plants in North America, Europe and Chi-

na. Brian's achievements of improving overall profitability; the successful launch of a new COMVEC battery for the bus market resulting in \$50M in revenue in the first year and helped to secure a \$75M US Department of Energy grant for a diesel plant conversion.

Additionally, Brian led a significant industry accomplishment from idea through execution, creating a 4-way joint venture to design, develop and manufacture battery cells with PACCAR, Daimler Truck and EVE Energy, which resulted in Brian being named Vice President and General Manager – eMobility in 2025.

James and Brian will be honored at our Alumni Honors dinner on Saturday, November 14, at the chapter house. We encourage brothers from the classes of 1996 through 2000 to return to celebrate James and Brian's significant achievements.



Brian Wilson '98



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The winning Derby Days team from Zeta Tau Alpha celebrates with their Sigma Chi coaches as they helped raise over \$27,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Research Foundation.

Bell Endowment Provides Leadership Training

The first undergraduate Bell Endowment training event for the chapter was held on April 17 and 18. It was led by Brian Schultz '96 and Gavin Philipps '95 who solicited the help of other Delta Delta alumni to conduct a "Mentoring and Networking" undergraduate training workshop.

One of the event's attendees was Daniel Queroz '28 who remarked following the completion of the two day program,

"My expectations were completely exceeded during my attendance at the Sigma Chi Delta Delta Bell Chapter programming event. I was introduced to the importance of maintaining transparent and honest relationships with mentors, both professionally and personally. One message from Sigma Chi alumnus Bryce Brumm particularly resonated with me as I continue searching for purpose and personal growth: "Would you hire yourself? Would you want to be around yourself?" That idea challenged me to reflect on whether I truly embody the traits, discipline, honesty, and character that I admire in others and hope to become myself. It made me realize that growth starts with accountability and self-awareness. You cannot expect to be-

come the best version of yourself if you are not actively building the qualities and values you personally desire in your future.

According to Gavin Philipps '95, "The brothers who attended were very dialed in and gave up a Friday night or an early Saturday to invest in themselves and the future of Delta Delta, which is what we want in order to develop our undergraduate brothers. Being with these young men really got me fired up about the future of our chapter."

The mentoring and career sessions on Friday and Saturday sought to engage the undergrads around these two topics (based on their priorities); connect them to the Sigma Chi core values; and have a meaningful Bell Chapter kickoff event prior to the end of the semester.

The undergrads networked and en-



Sigs (L-R) Jude Carsten '28, Lucas Toppe '28, and Jackson Theobald '29 discuss career objectives with alumni mentor Patrick Burke '87.

gaged with Delta Delta alumni who were available to create relationships, connections, and support towards a fulfilling undergraduate experience and a career built upon Sigma Chi core values.

For the 2026-27 academic year, there will be five to seven Bell Chapter experiences around the theme of Leadership Journey. The experiences will include leadership development, alumni/undergraduate networking events, and additional relationship building and learning opportunities for all our undergraduate Sigs.



The Class of 2026 joined the ranks of Delta Delta alumni with their graduation this spring. The House Corporation hosted a send off dinner for the seniors that provided each brother a chance to reflect on his undergraduate Sigma Chi experience.

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Jim Obergfell '64 (center) with trainer Marlon Ealy, and club owner Donna Clervi.

Jim Obergfell '64 has found a unique way to ward off the progressive symptoms of Parkinson's disease. After being diagnosed with PD in 2020, Jim began attending boxing classes at Rock Steady Boxing near

his home in South Orange County, California. For the past 5 ½ years he has worked out with the club's trainer five days a week. Jim remarks, "These classes have been a great help in fighting off some of the symptoms of PD, a progressive neurological disorder for which there is currently no cure."

Since joining Rock Steady Boxing, Jim has not only learned boxing techniques from one of the gym's owners, a former boxer, Marlon Ealy, but has also become part of a strong community of like-minded individuals, people determined to fight back against the effects of Parkinson's. Jim has donated funding for a boxing ring and hanging bags so that all participants may benefit as he has.

Class of '68 Holds White Rose Ceremony



L-R: Bill Weigel, Nick Fritsch, Bill Frey, Eric Helt, Mike Smith, Jim Lopeman, Bill Vahle, Jim Latham, Jim Ritchie, Doug Wilton and Ralph Kuhnert

Eleven members of the Class of '68 gathered in the Delta Delta library on June 13 to celebrate and remember fond memories of four pledge brothers who entered Chapter Eternal over the past year. These brothers are John Robson, John Cooper, Douglas Widell and Larry Robbins.

Tom Leslie began the ceremony with the reading of the White Rose ceremony. Bob Kaley then paid tribute to

each of these brothers who they had known for over 60 years. Each brother present took a few minutes to reflect on their memories of their times shared with these men.

Each brother then was given a white rose to place on the 1960 era Chapter Eternal Memorial that is located under a tree on the front lawn of the chapter house.

John Cooper '68 Enters Chapter Eternal

Significant Sig John Cooper '68 entered Chapter Eternal last June. He resided in San Francisco.

John was a senior member and founder of Farella, Braun and Martell law firm's intellectual property litigation group. Brother Cooper was recognized as one of the country's leading patent attorneys. During his long career he served as a regent and fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers; and was a co-author and co-editor of Anatomy of a Patent Case, which was published by the Federal Judicial Center to assist federal judges in patent cases.

Alumni Rush Recs

Alumni recommendations are key to providing our rush chairmen with strong candidates who have an interest in fraternities.

Please send rush recommendations to: dd.recruitment.202@gmail.com

Or text Rush Chairmen Jack Steadham '28 at 317-987-7669.

Chapter Eternal "All honor to their names"

Tom J. Hall '52, Indianapolis, IN
April 11, 2026

Richard Hunter '53, Indianola, IA
June 2023

Richard Steingraber '54, Lake Oswego, OR Sept 2025

John A. Westhafer '62,
Chesterfield, MO April 20, 2025

John Cooper '68, San Francisco, CA
June 2025

Nelson Wainwright '69,
Chesterfield, MO April 20, 2025

Sigs Enjoy Annual Florida Luncheon



Delta Delta brothers of all generations enjoyed each other's company at the annual SW Florida Luncheon held in Naples, Florida.

A great group of Delta Delta Sigs and their Sweethearts gathered for the annual SW Florida luncheon hosted by Eric Morgan '95 at the Club at the Strand in Naples, Florida on February 12th. Forty guests enjoyed an outstanding meal and a chance to hear from several brothers and Purdue head volleyball coach Dave Shondell.

The Sigs and guests got started with a casual social gathering prior to being seated for lunch. Bernie Sergesketter '58 took this opportunity to welcome everyone and thanked Eric Morgan '95 and Gavin Philipps '95 for their work in arranging for this event.

Special guest Purdue volleyball coach Dave Shondell enjoyed his time with the Sigs as he recapped the trials and successes of the past volleyball season where they made it to the Elite Eight and finished ranked 12th in the country. 2026 looks to be another outstanding season for the Boilers.

68th Grand Consul and current Sigma Chi Foundation President Michael Greenberg updated the group on Delta Delta's progress to become an endowed Bell Chapter and Pro Consul Hayden Garten updated the Sigs and guests on the Delta Delta's recent status and accomplishments.

Documentary on George Ade Highlights Life on Broadway

Silvia Costa, the producer of the upcoming documentary film on George Ade, announced, "I am writing to share with you that *Baron of Broadway, The Story of George Ade* is officially complete. Our hope is that we change how America remembers one of its most remarkable and most forgotten artists." Review the film's trailer to get a taste of the extraordinary life George Ade lived at <https://www.youtube.com/@BaronofBroadwayMovie>.



150 Years of Brotherhood Book Still Available

For those who have yet to purchase "150 Years of Brotherhood—Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue" now's the time to get your copy. The book offers a remarkable collection of stories and historical facts on our chapter's 150 year history. To order your copy go to this link <http://bit.ly/45v0uoO>