

Bernie Sergesketter '58 Sigma Chi Profile

Serving the International Fraternity

Bernie Sergesketter '58 has served Sigma Chi at the international level and local level at Purdue. Bernie has served on the Board of Governors of the Sigma Chi Foundation and as Treasurer of the Sigma Chi Foundation.

Restoring the Chapter House

When Bernie, and his beloved pledge brother Jim Dora, recognized the need to restore Delta Delta's historic 90-year-old chapter house in 2004, Bernie led the "Secure the Future of Delta Delta" fundraising and building campaigns to renovate the chapter house in 2007. As co-chair, along with Jim Dora, he raised \$7.4 million dollars, the largest ever fund-raising effort by a fraternity up to that time. Alongside brothers Dora and Harold Force '73, who oversaw the construction side of the project, Bernie welcomed the undergraduates back to the completely renovated chapter house at 202 Littleton in the fall of 2008.



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Established House Corporation's Annual Fund

Brother Sergesketter has served on the Delta Delta House Corporation for 18 years and established the House Corporation's Annual Fund to address future chapter house maintenance needs and undergraduate programs. This fund currently exceeds \$2,000,000.

Creates Bell Chapter Endowment

In June 2025 at the chapter's 150th anniversary celebration Bernie, through the encouragement of Sigma Chi Foundation President Michael Greenberg, accepted the challenge to make Delta Delta a "Founders Level" Thomas Cowan Bell Endowed Chapter. This required establishing a \$1 million endowment that would provide \$20,000 annually in scholarships and Sigma Chi Leadership Institute training programs to the undergraduates into perpetuity. Over the course of six months, Bernie approached a select group of alumni to support this endeavor. In January 2026, Bernie announced Delta Delta had reached the \$1 million goal.

Organizes Annual Sig Gathering

The Class of '58 also started the annual SW Florida Delta Delta luncheon in Naples, FL. This event that began as a gathering of Bernie's class and a few others of his era and their sweethearts has now grown to an annual event that celebrates the brotherhood and accomplishments of Delta Delta brothers of all eras.

Lifetime Contributions to Sigma Chi and Delta Delta

For Bernie's lifetime of contributions to Sigma Chi and Delta Delta he was recognized in 2005 as a member of Sigma Chi's 150th Anniversary Hall of Fame; in 2009 he was inducted into the Order of Constantine; and in 2019 Bernie became a member of Sigma Chi's prestigious Founder's Circle. Recognized for his highly successful career with AT&T, Bernie was also honored in 1994 as a Significant Sig.