

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Golf Outing**  
June 6-8  
*See page 3 for details!*

## PSU HOCKEY

The undergraduates are raising funds to purchase four season tickets for the 2014-15 hockey season at the new Pegula Ice Arena. Robert Strang has been coordinating this effort. The purpose of the tickets will be to invite pledges to attend a game once they have accepted their bids. Any unused tickets will be offered to alumni. If you are interested in contributing, please reach Robert at (646) 337-0956 or [robertjstrang@gmail.com](mailto:robertjstrang@gmail.com).



## ON THE WEB

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We only have email addresses on file for 71% of our alumni brothers. If you haven't been receiving our monthly eLetter, please update your email address today.

***You can do so:***

- Online at [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org).
- Email it with your full name and grad year to [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com).

Our email database is used solely for Alpha Chi communications. Thank you for helping us to stay in touch!



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## ORDER OF CONSTANTINE

### Where the Rubber Meets the Road

#### Chapter Advisor David Kline '64 Receives Sigma Chi's Highest Honor

Who could ask for a better chapter advisor for a group of young men ready to learn and lead? At Sigma Chi, we have just the brother. A mix of Army commander, with tours in Vietnam and Cambodia, and professional leadership consultant, Chapter Advisor **David Kline '64** has been named a 2014 inductee into the Order of Constantine.

A State College resident and chapter advisor for the past 13 years, David is happy, as he says, to “stay where the rubber meets the road. When I moved back to State College, I walked through the house with a few other alumni brothers. Not one undergraduate introduced himself to us. I decided then and there that I could help teach our actives about conduct, management of the house and leadership.”

In those 13 years, David has seen the

undergraduate chapter more than double in size, fully embrace the Sigma Chi ritual, reach the top five-percent in key categories (academics, IM, THON) and focus on building the brotherhood and a sense of respect.

“I go to every chapter meeting,” he explains. “Our national fraternity has communicated that it wants to be the preeminent leadership fraternity in the Greek world. Our chapter does a lot to meet this goal – to develop young leaders. That is my job.”

Congratulations to Brother Kline. Read more of this story on our website, [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org).



## THON 2014

### Alpha Chi Chapter Places Third in THON Giving, Brings in \$267,010 FOR THE KIDS!

It is a scene like none other. For those of you who have been part of THONs past, you know.

Where else can you go to experience the energy of a truly altruistic group of college students — complete with water pistols,

balloons, games, plungers, hula hoops, crazy socks, line dances, pep rallies, inspirational speeches from some of Penn State's most notable personalities, incredibly choreographed performances and 46 hours of no sleep?

And it is all ... FOR THE KIDS ... to continue Penn State's 37-year tradition of saving children from the grip of pediatric cancer.

Thanks to our chapter's yearlong canning and fundraising efforts with Alpha Omicron Pi, we placed third among Greek organizations, contributing \$267,010.17 toward Penn State's \$13,343,517.33 total that will be given to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State

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*Sigma Chi THON chairmen, dancers and THON families on the floor of the Bryce Jordan Center.*

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Oh, the Places They Will Go ...

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who’ll decide where you go.”

With these words from Dr. Seuss, we introduce you to several of our graduating seniors as they set out on new adventures.

#### Patrick Bradshaw



Pat is a chemical engineering major from South Park, Pa., and just accepted a position with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in their Danville, Pa., manufacturing plant.

“Becoming a member of Sigma Chi has been the defining experience of my life thus far. It has given me the opportunity to develop myself as a person and a leader and has allowed me to start numerous relationships through college. Additionally, I was able to attend HORIZONS, which has had a lasting impression on me. I now approach each day with the goal to learn something new.” Pat can be reached at [psb0321@gmail.com](mailto:psb0321@gmail.com).

#### Matthew J. Catanese



An industrial engineering major from Lansdale, Pa., Matt will be graduating in December 2014. Following graduation, he will begin a position with Lockheed Martin in Valley Forge, Pa. “Things rarely go as planned. My time at Sigma Chi has helped me learn to think on the spot and adapt — one of life’s most important skills.” Matt can be reached at [mjc5624@gmail.com](mailto:mjc5624@gmail.com).

#### Ari Cowen



This athletic training major from Rockville, Md., will be heading to physical therapy school following graduation. “All the memories I have from my undergraduate career come from the random days and nights spent with my brothers. Most of the times the memories

didn’t come from big events but from just spending time with my boys. The most important lesson I have learned comes from the fourth line of the Jordan Standard: have a congenial disposition. The only disability in life is a bad attitude.” Ari can be reached at [aricowen15@gmail.com](mailto:aricowen15@gmail.com).

#### Matthew Digel



Following graduation, Matt — an industrial engineering major from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, will be going into management consulting with PwC. “I have learned one very important thing during my days at Sigma Chi. When you are content to be simply yourself and don’t compare or compete, everyone will respect you.” Matt can be reached at [med5342@gmail.com](mailto:med5342@gmail.com).

#### Michael W. Fasano



A major in finance and international business from North Wales, Pa., Mike plans to pursue a financial position with SEI

Investments, UPenn Hospital or Morgan Stanley in the greater Philadelphia area. “Aside from the tremendous mix of values that Sigma Chi has forged into my life, I will always remember Alpha Chi absolutely dominating ‘Frat Formal Friday’ each winter and spring, year in and year out at Penn State. Also, I will always be proud to have run one of the greatest Parents’ Weekends the chapter has ever seen.” Mike can be reached at [mwfasano@yahoo.com](mailto:mwfasano@yahoo.com).

#### Harrison Horn

After graduating with a major in finance and international business, Harrison will return to his hometown, Los Angeles, to a private banking position with JP Morgan. “One lesson I have learned at Sigma Chi is to always be genuine, honest and loyal to

your colleagues no matter what the situation.” Harrison can be reached at [harrison32horn@gmail.com](mailto:harrison32horn@gmail.com).

#### Cody C. McCauley



A finance and international business major from Rumson, N.J., Cody will be off to New York City for brokerage position with GFI Group.

“Sigma Chi has helped mold me into the man I am today and has provided many lessons. Through Sigma Chi, I have made some of my best friends and created unforgettable memories. Though my time at Penn State is coming to an end, my experiences will continue to travel with me as a lifelong brother of Sigma Chi.” Cody can be reached at [codymcc4@gmail.com](mailto:codymcc4@gmail.com).

#### George B. Riccardo



George is a business management and international business major from Lock Haven, Pa. Following graduation, he plans to move to Washington, D.C., to

pursue a career in public policy. “At Sigma Chi, I learned that what you put into this house, you will receive back ten-fold.” George can be reached at [georgericcardo@gmail.com](mailto:georgericcardo@gmail.com).

Watch for more profiles of our graduating seniors in our upcoming eLetters. We wish them all the best as they enter the Sigma Chi alumni brotherhood.



Senior Harrison Horn (middle) with brothers Garrett Shuster (l) and Isaac Wood (r).

If you’d like to participate in your alumni communications program, please visit the Alpha Chi online community at [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org), or share your story by emailing [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).

# 24TH ANNUAL SIGMA CHI GOLF WEEKEND

## Who Will Win This Year's Tacky Jacket?

### Join Us This Year for the Largest Greek Alumni Golf Outing at Penn State

Please join us June 6-8 for our 24th Annual Sigma Chi Golf and Alumni Weekend. Our event has grown from several foursomes coming back to Penn State for a weekend in 1990 and informally cooking a few steaks on the side porch of the house, to the largest Greek alumni golf event at Penn State, with more than 100 alumni playing golf last year and more than 120 attending the 'famous' steak bake!

Often imitated, never surpassed – our golf and alumni weekend features another outstanding schedule for our brothers, family and friends in 2014. Our annual event is open to all Sigma Chis in good standing and their friends, family or guests.

We will have our popular Friday event on June 6, playing the venerable White Course at Penn State. The Penn State Golf Course practice facility will be open to attendees at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be available starting at 10:45 a.m. This is individual stroke play, but there will be a foursome prize for our fun and unique annual team event, as well as recognition of the individual low gross and net and customary skills events for the day.

Golf and cart fees, range balls and lunch are all included, as well as a vast selection of adult and alternative beverages on the course.

Our "signature" Saturday tournament on June 7 is a handicapped team scramble. This is generally a fun competition. All teams will be in a position to compete and aspire to win the coveted Tacky Jacket as recognition for the low net team champions and join a distinguished group of past champions. There will also be a set of inspiring Nittany Lion statues for the low gross team champions. Traditional prizes for longest drive, straightest drive and closest to the pin, as well as second and third place in the net and gross flights will be awarded as well. Golf and cart fees, range balls, a commemorative tournament keepsake, and "lunch at the turn" (hot dog or deli sandwich, chips and a drink) are all included, as well as a selection of adult and alternative beverages on the course.

For both days, you will need to indicate your handicap (USGA index or best estimate) and list of expected or planned teammates for each day when registering. If you don't have

a team, we'll be happy to partner you with other players of equal temperament, talent and conviction.

On Saturday night, whether you're a golfer or not, please join us at our chapter house for cocktails and dinner. This is a chance for brothers and friends of all ages to socialize and recount the events of the weekend. A top-shelf bar will be provided, along with hearty appetizers, culminating with a gourmet steak dinner. The highly anticipated awards ceremony kicks off at approximately 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Past champions are reminded to wear their "Tacky Jackets" this evening, as part of our tradition – and as always a fine selection of cigars will be available after dinner.

Before you head home on Sunday, June 8, please set aside an hour and join us at 9:00 a.m. at the house for coffee and donuts and to get an update from the house corporation leadership on the state of the chapter.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's event and promise it will be a weekend to remember!

### Two Ways to Sign Up:

**Registration due May 24, 2014**

**Mail:** Download and print a registration form from [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org) and mail in with check

**Online:** Register online NOW at [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org)

### Cost:

**Friday:** Golf, cart fees, range balls, prize pool and buffet lunch and beverages at PSU White - \$100

**Saturday:** Golf, cart fees, range balls, prize pool, a commemorative tournament keepsake, and lunch and beverages at PSU Blue - \$110

Appetizers, open bar and famous steak bake - \$65

**Total cost for full weekend: \$275**

**Total cost for Saturday Golf and Dinner Only: \$175**

### Key Milestone Dates:

**May 1, 2014** – Room block reservations due to guarantee availability and rate

**May 24, 2014** – Registration via check due

**June 5, 2014** – Registration via credit card due

### Lodging Details:

For the nights of June 5-8, two blocks of rooms with special room rates have been negotiated. They will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Atherton Hotel and the Days Inn. Please call the hotels for reservations by May 1 to guarantee availability and rate.

**Atherton Hotel** (814-231-2200)  
Promo code: SIGMA CHI GOLF OUTING

**Days Inn** (814-238-8454)  
Promo code: CGOLFC

### Alumni Weekend Activities

#### Friday, June 6:

10:30 a.m. – The Penn State Golf Courses practice facility opens to attendees. Range balls will be included.

10:45 a.m. – Lunch

Noon – Shotgun start on the Penn State White Course

#### Saturday, June 7:

7:30 a.m. – Practice facility opens.

8:30 a.m. – Pictures and announcements; players should be at the course and in their carts.

9:00 a.m. – 24th Annual Golf Tournament, shotgun start on the Penn State Blue Course; lunch at the turn will be available.

5:30 p.m. – Cocktail reception at chapter house, 400 E. Prospect Ave.

6:30 p.m. – Awards ceremony

7:15 p.m. – Famous steak bake dinner

#### Sunday, June 8:

9:00 a.m. – **Alumni meeting at** chapter house

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

### Making an Investment in Our Impressive Undergraduates ...

#### Can We Count on You?

As you have read throughout this newsletter, Alpha Chi has an impressive group of active brothers. Stop for a moment and think about those alumni who supported our journey as undergraduates. They saw something in us worth their time and donations — an investment worth mak-



ing to ensure the development of new leaders, teachers, innovators, thinkers, husbands and fathers. Where do you stand today on your support of the next generation to step into the halls of 400 E. Prospect?

During our 2012-2013 giving year, our alumni corporation brought in \$13,461 from 113 alumni. Thank you to the 61 brothers who have given \$9,985 this year (please go to our website, [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org), to view the honor roll). With less than six months to go in our giving year, we still have work to go to

reach our \$30,000 goal. Can we count on you to make a gift this year?

Please remember how important your support is, no matter what your giving level. To make a gift, go to our website and click "Donate" in the upper right-hand corner of the home page. You can also send a check to Sigma Chi Penn State, Alumni Relations Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007. Or you can call (800) 975-6699.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## THON 2014, CONT.

Hershey Children's Hospital.

On Saturday afternoon, Jay Paterno — former assistant football coach and son of Joe Paterno — paid a visit to the THON dancers. He summarized the impact of pediatric cancer in a very powerful way. "A couple of weeks ago, I was in Hershey and toured the children's hospital. The woman who runs the Four Diamonds Fund was asked what the survival rate was. She said, 'We save four out of every five children here.' I couldn't bear to be without one of my five kids. Think about that. That is why you are here ... because we are going to make it five out of every five ... Every year you do this, we are knocking at the door a little more and a little more. In the very near future, Penn State students are going

to kick in that damn door."

As the crowd erupted in screams and applause, parents could be seen holding tightly to those THON children who have embraced the hearts of our Greek community at Penn State. It is the power of hope ... hope for one more day, week, month or year ... that our chapter is helping to give to families across the state. We are fortunate to be part of such a life-giving effort at Penn State that does, in fact, redefine the possibilities.

Also speaking to the dancers was Penn State's newly appointed football coach, James Franklin. "Everybody thinks that what makes us special is the football stadium or the basketball arena. That has nothing to do with what makes us special. What makes

us special is the people ... the people that understand we are part of something greater than just ourselves. We can make a difference in people's lives."

So, thank you to our dancers, brothers who stood by the dancers, captains,

parents who attended, alumni who stopped by and to the entire THON organization for its incredible support. This is why ... WE ARE.



*Inside:  
- Our Chapter Advisor, David Kline '64  
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