



## Who We Are

Sigma Chi is leading the way in the core values that foster men of great stock. How do **you** exemplify these ideals in your own life? Log onto [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org) and tell us!

### Fundamental Purpose

The fundamental purpose of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is the cultivation, maintenance and accomplishment of the ideals of Friendship, Justice and Learning within our membership. Sigma Chi Fraternity best serves its purpose by developing, implementing and monitoring programs that foster leadership, build character and promote positive relationship skills that, in turn, enable our members to become productive and caring participants in their families, colleges and communities.

### Values, Vision and Mission

Sigma Chi's core values are Friendship, Justice and Learning. Our vision is to become the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization — aligned, focused and living our core values. Our mission is to develop values-based leaders committed to the betterment of character, campus and community.

In the pursuit of these high ideals, the Sigma Chi Fraternity is able to offer great value in augmenting the collegiate experience and supporting the lifelong journey of each member. We hope to assist brothers in becoming men of character, caring husbands, compassionate fathers and community leaders.

### Alumni Helping Actives With Bell Chapter Contributions!

We'd like to thank Brothers Anthony Agnone, David Shields, John Rommel and Remie Butchko for their continued support of Alpha Chi with their generous contributions for 2015.



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**THOMAS COWAN BELL CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

We believe the **Sigma Chi Foundation's Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter Challenge** is a unique opportunity for alumni brothers to positively impact their home chapters. Through tax-deductible charitable gifts to the Foundation, chapters receive enhanced values-based leadership and scholarship benefits for their undergraduate brothers.

Seven years after its debut, the numbers are clear. The **Bell Chapter Challenge** is making a *lasting impact* on Sigma Chi. Higher overall GPAs as well as increased activity on campus and in the community are just some of the ways our **68 Thomas Cowan Bell chapters are outperforming those without Bell benefits.**

Data from 2009 to 2014\* show chapters that have been in the Bell program for three consecutive years on average achieved a higher GPA vs. non-Bell chapters, totaled 36% more brothers on the Dean's List, belonged to more academic honor societies, were 12% more involved in campus activities, donated an average of \$4,000 more per chapter to philanthropy and performed 700 more hours of community service.

**BLUE LEVEL**  
**\$10,000 Annually or \$250,000 Endowment**

- 3 Additional free undergraduate registration slots at Balfour LTW (8 total)
- \$250 Balfour LTW Travel Stipend
- 1 Designated Horizons Slot
- 1 Designated \$1,000 Academic Scholarship that will recognize lead donor
- Sigma Chi Crossroads drug and alcohol retreat at no cost to Chapter
- 1 Donor plaque for chapter house
- 1 Exclusive Bell Chapter dinner invitation at Balfour LTW

The **Bell Chapter Challenge** is helping our chapters build values-based leaders. **Support the emerging leaders of your chapter today!**

\* Information obtained from the Sigma Chi International Fraternity Annual Report  
NOTE: (Above) Listing of Bell Chapters for FY 2015-16

For more information on the Sigma Chi Foundation's Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter Challenge:  
Contact Associate Director of Development Matt Pagan via e-mail at [matt.pagan@sigmachiorg](mailto:matt.pagan@sigmachiorg) or at (954) 675-9849

## Bell Chapter Program Descriptions

### Balfour Leadership Training Workshop

(BLTW): Provides training on effective operations and leadership of a chapter. More than 2,000 Sigma Chis have participated each of the past three years.

### Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit

(week-long, individual leadership training): Huntsman Leadership Summit is a leadership program defined by Sigma Chi core values such as integrity, courage, and wisdom.

Huntsman Leadership Summit makes every good leader better, and helps every young Brother maximize his leadership potential. Bell Chapter applicants are given special consideration in the selection process.

**Scholarships:** The Sigma Chi Foundation scholarship program has grown from \$50,000 in 2006 to \$314,000 for the 2014-15 academic year. Many of our best and brightest undergraduate brothers need financial assistance. Each Bell Chapter will be designated to receive at least one General Scholarship of \$1,000 for a qualified applicant.

**Crossroads:** Crossroads provides training in the scope and deleterious effects of alcohol use, particularly binge drinking, and recreational and prescription drugs abuse. Bell Chapters are given special consideration for scheduling a Crossroads program.

# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

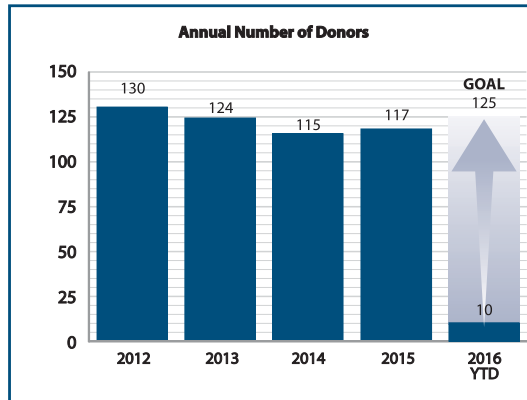
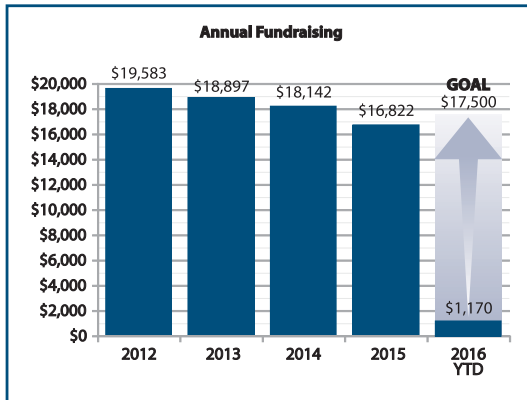
## Alpha Chi Chapter Depends on Your Support!

*Thank you to all those who donated!*

As we enter the third month of our annual fund giving year, we have amassed a total of \$1,170.00. It is because of donors like you, that we are able to assure future generations of Sigma Chi

Brothers the same wonderful experience that you had the privilege of, due to generous alumni who came before you.

Our goal for the 2015-2016 campaign is \$17,500 and we need your help! Be the



change you wish to see in the world and join us, as we strive to make Sigma Chi a cut above the rest.

Thank you to the Brothers who have contributed so far this year: **Charles C. Mateer '82, James R. Keith '58, Richard E. Mohler '58,**

Brothers who made their contributions in the 2014-2015 giving year. Your donations have gone to ensure that Sigma Chi continues to offer the world-class leadership skills that are at the core of all of you, the alumni.

**Chris J. Mitsos '54, John R. Hess '56, John H. Rath Jr. '73, James L. Clark '81, Richard E. Anthony '71, Mark A. Hershey '91 and Robert J. Belus '60.**

We also thank all of the

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## EVENTS UPDATE

### Growing the Brotherhood...

#### Sigma Chi Golf Outing Continues To Prosper

**Joe Conaty '82** has seen plenty of Sigma Chi Golf Classics – he's helped coordinate and has played in all 25 of them, as a matter of fact. None of those were better than this one.

"This thing started 25 years ago literally with eight guys coming back here," Conaty said. "We would walk the courses. We'd play 36 holes on Saturday, stop for a hot dog in between, play another day. And then it just grew. It turned into three foursomes, four foursomes, 10 foursomes and it's just gone from there. This is the biggest ever."

Overall, 116 brothers hit the links at the Penn State Golf Courses on Friday and Saturday, and more than 125 showed up for the Steak Bake on Saturday night.

Seven 50-year Sigs were honored and drew raucous applause while Dave Kuhn's 50-50 raffle spiel and subsequent recovery after a stumble off the porch elicited hoots. Conaty was given a lifetime achievement award for his work over the years coordinating golf outing after golf outing.

"The friendships, these guys are my lifelong friends, man," Conaty said. "The people I talk to every week in my life – daily – are my fraternity brothers. It's very cool."

But it was a foursome from the Class of 2002 that took home the cherished Tacky Jackets.

**John Russo, Richard Graham, Michael Nanz** and **Chad Snee** all slipped into blazers featuring differing checkered and plaid



**Team FALL '98**

patterns after carding a 57 to finish Saturday's team scramble at the Blue Course.

Dubbing their team FALL '98, Russo, Graham, Nanz and Snee battled through early cool temperatures and a wet course that dried



**Team AARP scratched this year**

as the day went on to win their first Tacky Jackets. Eventually, the clouds cleared and the foursome edged Team Thome (**Rob Jones, Chip Thome, Greg Jones** and **Lucas Thome**) by two strokes.

"It feels great," Russo said afterward at the Steak Bake. "We've been coming up for a

lot of years and what was working for us today? Honestly, we hit a couple of miracle putts and everyone contributed for us. We all contributed and it all worked for us."

Graham, standing nearby during Russo's interview, hopped in to emphasize his teammate's putting prowess.

"Looooong putts," Graham said. "He makes the putts. You wouldn't know that Russo plays five times a year. You'd never guess it."

Russo, Graham and Nanz played the last few Sig Chi tournaments with **David Knapp** but Knapp opted to play on another team, opening up a spot on Russo, Graham and Nanz's FALL '98 squad. They added fellow 2002 Penn State graduate Snee who trekked back to Happy Valley from Denver to make his Sigma Chi Classic debut.

"We didn't play very well Friday," Russo said. "(Saturday) was better. We drank a lot (Friday) night and it helped us today."

Team Thome finished second with a net score on a match of cards of 59 while Team Beagle (**Dan Schlegel, Scott Fozard, Kurt Imdorf** and **Tom Giacalone**) finished third with a net of 59.

Unfortunately, the vaunted AARP Group didn't make it to the Classic this year but plenty of drinks were had in their honor.

"We had a great time," Conaty said. "I played with the guys that are good friends that I don't see very often but they're my great friends and had a great time."

## ALUMNI UPDATES

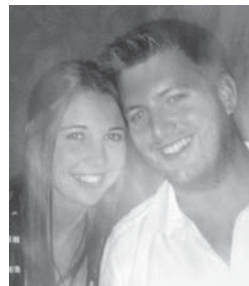


**David Moffett '62** | [yomoff@hotmail.com](mailto:yomoff@hotmail.com)

I am retired after 36 years working in industry and aerospace and now living in Pasadena, California. Enjoy golfing, Kiwanis, Clan Moffat Society, St. Andrews Society, grandkids, traveling, and watching soccer games.

**Anthony "Tony" Owoc '54** | [walktalk43@yahoo.com](mailto:walktalk43@yahoo.com)

Major changes to our life this year. My wife and I sold our main residence of 45 years in Oakland, CA., as well as our summer home in Northern CA. and relocated to Fort Lauderdale, FL. where we are enjoying being nearer to family. As a reward to ourselves for all the hard work involved in that move, and as a celebration of 40 years of marriage, we just returned from a delightful 14 day cruise through the Panama Canal.



**Leon Koscielski '07** | [leonjkos@gmail.com](mailto:leonjkos@gmail.com)

Currently live in Williston, ND and work for Schlumberger Technology (SLB) in their Well Stimulation segment. Currently acting district manager. Live here with my girlfriend and her daughter. I have been with the company now for nearly eight years.

We took a trip to Peru this past summer. We were able to hike the trails and check out Machu Picchu. It was a blast and I totally recommend it.

Have an update you'd like to share? You can visit our website at [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org) and click "alumni updates," to share today!



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**ALUMNI PROFILE**

**The Sigma Chi Standard Runs Through Our Veins**

*Tradition Doesn't Always Have To Be Traditional*

**Brother Greg Kline '07**, might not have taken the traditional path to becoming a Sigma Chi, but when you're instilled with Sig Chi Values from early age, you're far from traditional.

"Though I am a Penn State Graduate, I did not have the honor of being part of the Sigma Chi experience in the traditional sense. I was the first person to be honored with being initiated as a "Sig" via the "Non Student Initiate" program. While at Penn State, I had to work, many semesters I had to work full time just to make enough money to go to school the next semester. Some summers I would go home to work so I could come back in the fall or stay at Penn State and work. So I didn't have the the chance to rush or pledge.

My father, **David A. Kline '64**, is a Sig (Alpha Chi) so I was raised with the Jordan Standards, though I didn't even know what that was or meant at the time. You see, my father instilled these values in all of us WAY before I was old enough to know what college even was, let alone Sigma Chi. After I graduated from Penn State, in Dec of 1998,



**David Kline '64 and Greg Kline '07**

I left home and I enlisted in the Army. I spent three years in the Infantry with the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. I was injured while there and was medically discharged just three years into my enlistment. My wife and I moved to Maryland where she was, and still is a teacher, and I went back to school at Johns Hopkins Computer Institute, where a year later I received several computer certifications. I was able to land a job as a computer contractor at the Pentagon. After

a few years there, I was able to get a job supporting Fort Meade in Maryland.

It was 2006 when my father contacted me about a program that Sigma Chi was offering where non-students can be initiated as a Sigma Chi, if they measure up. I thought, what better way to honor my father, who's also a retired Army soldier, than to help pass on his legacy as a Sig. After talking with my wife, which was a short conversation, I made the trip back to Alpha Chi in the spring of 2007 and at the age of 36 went through the Alpha Chi initiation. Months prior to that, I had spent time reading

and studying from the Norman Shield. I studied the founding fathers and all about the Jordan Standards, and that's when I realized: I've been raised as a Sig my entire life. My father made me a Sig, even had I never gone through initiation, those standards were already running through my veins."

*To read the rest of Brother Kline's story, visit our alumni website at [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org)*

**Do you know of a Sigma Chi alum who would make a good profile subject? If so, contact our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention "Penn State Sig" in the subject line).**