

RECENT ONLINE DONORS

We would like to thank the following individuals who made online donations in the last few months:



Bo Pitkin '96

Ken Strohm '68

Craig Mayer '68

Joshua Zech '99

You can help ensure that Sigma Chi remains a vital presence at Penn State and in the lives of its members by supporting our Annual Fund. Our Chapter Update on this page vividly illustrates the life-long positive influence Sigma Chi has had in many lives. Please see Page 3 for information on how you can make your contribution. We hope to hear from you!

29TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

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Friday & Saturday,
June 7 & 8, 2019**

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ALUMNI WIN NATIONAL HONORS

Andy Gildersleeve '68 and Richard Hume '82 to Receive Awards

Alpha Chi alumni are making news and this year two of our alumni won major awards – **Andy Gildersleeve '68** was named to the Order of Constantine and **Richard Hume '82** was named as a Significant Sig for 2019.

Andy has been a constant presence with the Alpha Chi Chapter since he graduated in 1967. He served as House Corporation President twice and is currently the President of the Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter in Pittsburgh and also is very active as the Alumni House Manager for Alpha Chi.

Current **House Corp President Jim Lundy** commented, "Andy was the House Corp President when I was an undergrad and his love of Sigma Chi and his dedication to our Chapter for so many years is an inspiration to us all".

Richard Hume who graduated in 1982, had a highly successful 30-year career at IBM, where he was General Manager of IBM Europe among other Senior Management roles. Richard was named CEO of Tech Data in 2018 and has appeared on CNBC recently talking about the continued growth of his Tampa based firm that tallied over \$36.7 billion in revenue. Richard has passed on his love of Sigma Chi to his son Richard who was an Alpha Chi and to six of his nephews, who are currently brothers at Alpha Chi.

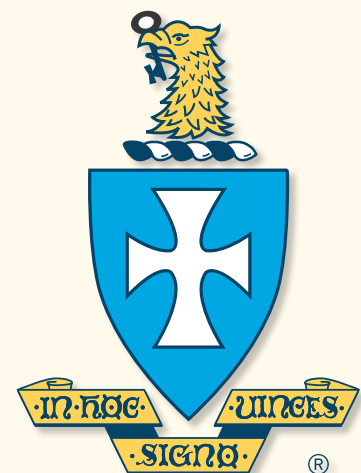
Andy and Richard will be receiving recognition at our 29th Annual Alumni Weekend (June 7-8) and Andy will also be attending Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City at the end of June.



Andy Gildersleeve '68



Richard Hume '82



JOIN SIGMA CHI FOR THE 29TH-ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND 2019!!

Saturday, June 8, 2019: Golf at PSU Blue Course Shotgun Start Promptly at 9 a.m.

As in past years, Alumni Weekend will kick off with our traditional Friday event at the venerable White Course at Penn State. The Penn State Golf Courses practice facility will be open to attendees at 10:30 a.m. with range balls included. Lunch is included with this event and will start at 10:45 a.m. A selection of adult and alternative beverages will be available on the course.

The format remains the same, with an individual stroke play event and also a foursome event using the “yellow ball” between the foursome. We will recognize the individual Low Gross and Low Net and customary skills events for the day.

Saturday, June 8: Golf @ PSU Blue Course, Shotgun start promptly at 9:00 a.m.

The “granddaddy of them all” and a time-honored “tradition unlike any other” all wrapped into one morning/afternoon. The format is a proprietary handicapped team scramble. You MUST indicate your golf handicap and expected teammates when registering. This is generally a “fun competition,” and if you don’t have a team, we’ll be happy to partner you with other players of equal temperament, talent and conviction.

All teams will be in a position to compete and all aspire to win the coveted “Tacky

Jackets” 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.

Lunch at the Turn—a hot dog, chips and a drink are included, as well as a selection of adult and alternative beverages (pending University approval) on the course.

Saturday, June 8: Awards Ceremony and Steak Bake @ 400 E. Prospect Ave., 5:30 p.m.

Golfer or not, please join us at our Chapter House for cocktails and dinner. This offers a chance for Brothers and friends of all ages to socialize and recount the events of the weekend. The always emotional, sometimes controversial, but highly anticipated Awards Ceremony kicks off at approximately 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:15 p.m. Top-shelf beer and wine will be provided, along with hearty appetizers, culminating with a gourmet steak dinner. Past Champions are reminded to wear their “Tacky Jackets” this evening, as part of our tradition.



Sunday, June 9: Alumni Meeting, 400 E. Prospect Ave., 9:00 a.m.

Before you head home, please set aside an hour and join us at the Chapter House for coffee and donuts and an update from the House Corporation leadership on the “State of the Chapter.”



Tournament Fees for 2019

Friday, June 7, 2019
Golf, Cart Fees, Range Balls, Prize Pool and Buffet Lunch and Beverages at PSU White: \$90

Saturday, June 8, 2019
Golf, Cart Fees, Range Balls, Prize Pool, a commemorative Tournament Keepsake, and Lunch and Beverages at PSU Blue: \$125

Saturday, June 8, 2019
Appetizers, Open Bar and Famous Steak Bake: \$75

Full Weekend of Fun for only \$290!



P.S. If you are sending a check, please make payable to **Sigma Chi Penn State University Alumni Relations Processing Center**, PO Box 7007 Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007. Please be sure to write “**Sigma Chi 2019 Golf Tournament**” in the check’s memo line.

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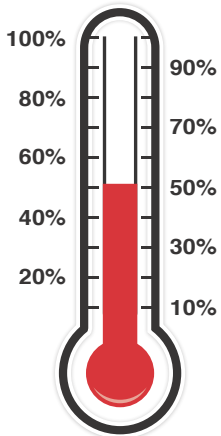
*Congratulations to the following brothers who have already shown their support for Sigma Chi this year!
Please join them by making your contribution today!*

Jordan Society (\$250-\$399.99)	Jeffrey Stratton 1979	David Marsden 1966	Benson Swift 1974	Joseph Mittermeir 1978
Carl Heller 1960	Norman Shield Holder	David Shields 1967	Paul Herbert 1975	Thomas Wood 1978
Craig Mayer 1968	(\$100-\$185.49)	Kenneth Strohm 1968	Richard Nenstiel 1978	David Lansdowne 1982
Francis Platt 1979	Kenneth Blair 1956	William Bolla 1969	John Felleisen 1981	David Seagers 1984
Jeffrey Hamilton 1986	Robert Whitmore 1958	Michael Manning 1969	Michael Brown 1985	Jerry Wade 1984
Robert Shuster 1987	Robert Scrabis 1959	Richard Stauffer 1970	Robert Lowry 1985	Keith Olivia 1990
Joshua Zech 1999	Peter Erber 1962	Andrew Miller 1971	Kevin Hendrickson 1996	Mark Hershey 1991
John Ruscetti 2004	Louis Meier 1962	Frank Raymond 1971	Sig Supporter (\$50-\$99.99)	Steven Skaggs 2003
1855 Society	Robert Replogle 1963	Thomas Strohm 1971	John Hess 1956	Donor (Less than \$50)
(\$185.50-\$249.99)	David Kline 1964	Daniel Eckenrode 1972	Clair Leiphart 1969	Robert Belus 1960
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Chris Mitsos 1954	John Powell 1965	R. Lang 1973	Gregory Heffner 1970	Jeffrey Pruner 1965
Norbert Connors 1960	George Cascino 1966	John Rath 1973	Michael Kemerer 1974	
William Johnston 1964	Paul Diehl 1966	Philip Thomas 1973	Bruce Karper 1975	

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE – A CALL TO ACTION

Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong

GOAL: \$20,000



Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on October 1, is half over with \$6,920 collected from 62 brothers. We want to thank those 62 brothers (you can find them under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Sigma Chi so far this giving year!

Our 2018-19 giving year goal is \$20,000.00. Last year only 101 out of 1,190 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. We still have the potential to meet our goal—but we need your *immediate* help.

Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?

Giving Online is Easy!

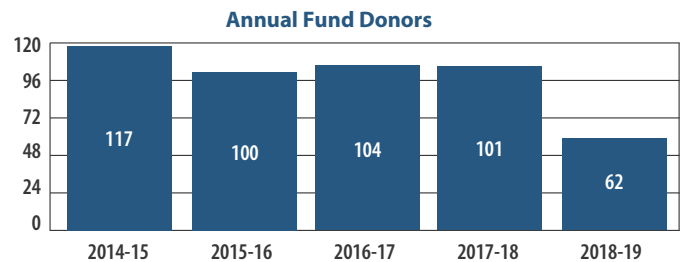
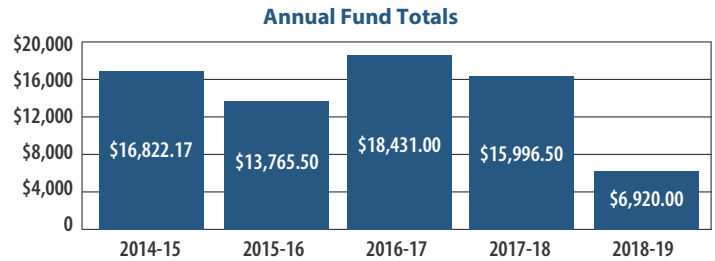
You can donate online by simply going to our website, pennstatesig.org and selecting the Donate button at the top of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at **1-800-975-6699**, or by sending a check made payable to **Sigma Chi—Alpha Chi Chapter** to:

Sigma Chi
Penn State University
Alumni Relations Processing Center
P.O. Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

"I benefit from being a Sigma Chi every day and I am happy to try to give back all that Sigma Chi has given me."

Our college days came and went, but the real Sigma Chi experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**

"I have never forgotten my experience at Sigma Chi and supporting the annual fund is a small token of my appreciation."



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 See the Honor Roll,
 AND TO DONATE!**

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www.pennstatesig.org**

Alpha Chi is Back!

I'm pleased to report that things are back on track at Alpha Chi. Since last year, a number of Alums have stepped-up and gotten involved to help to get us back to an operationally sound state. Better communication with the Chapter has helped too. Chapter Advisor **Byron Woodrum**, HC Treasurer **Bruce Karper** and Alumni House Manager **Andy Gildersleeve** have been tireless in their work to help make things better. Sigma Chi Grand Praetor **William Sapoch** has also been very supportive, as has Regional Director **Art Berg**.

The Chapter recruits a record Pledge Class

While we can always do better, the Chapter is working with us. Chapter Advisor Byron Woodrum is doing an outstanding job working with the Chapter. As an example—the Chapter just got a record Class of 32 Pledges and held initiation at the end of March. They had a good THON and a successful Derby Days. Parents Weekend was also a huge success!

The House is the cleanest it has been in years and as the Actives head home for the summer we are making plans for our 29th Annual Alumni Weekend.

Blue White Weekend

We had a successful Alumni breakfast on 4/13 – about 20 alumni showed up. Great meeting and some great food. Lots of good discussions with the Chapter officers about making Alpha Chi great. The House was clean and families got to hangout in the great hall and discuss the prospects for the Nittany Lions and who the starting QB will be in the fall.

Our Great House

Our Chapter House is 93-years-old and maintaining our great house takes time and it takes money. Andy Gildersleeve has been a champion in working with our contractors on a number of projects, including work on our outside porches, floors, and adding security cameras on the outside of our property.



Projects

- We plan to paint the entire House this summer – all bedrooms too.
- We plan to refinish the great hall floors this summer.
- We plan to install security cameras and new locks (RMF recommends this.)

What We Have Done

- We bought new furniture for the great hall, card room and dining room
- We held a Planning Retreat with the Chapter to set goals for Spring Semester
- We have the House cleaned 2x a week – this started in January and is making a difference
- We have a security service that monitors parties – partially, to protect our activities from Police and PSU.
- We have rental agreements for the House and for each Brother in place. Thanks to Bob Shuster for all his work on this.

The result is that the House is much cleaner and the Brothers are also doing their part. Damage is down and the House looks more like a domicile.

How you can Help

There are a number of ways you can help:

- **Spread the word with other alumni that we are back.**
- **Attend our Events:** Alumni Weekend and Homecoming.
- **Get involved.** We are always looking for assistance from alumni. We are a volunteer organization.
- **Donate.** Our donations are down this year compared to past years. A donation of \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1000 or more would be greatly appreciated and will help to offset some of our project costs. You can donate online by visiting our website, pennstatesig.org.

We hope to see you at our **29th Annual Alumni Weekend on June 7-9th** in Happy Valley. Remember, Alpha Chi of Sigma Chi is BACK!!

In Hoc,

Jim Lundy '82

House Corporation President

Two generations of Shusters welcome a third generation - new Brothers Andrew Dixon and Jonathan Shuster were initiated along with 30 other pledge Brothers on March 2, 2019.



Pictured – James Rommel, Will Dixon, Andrew Dixon, Bud Shuster, Bill Shuster, Garrett Shuster, Bob Shuster and Jonathan Shuster