



SIGMA NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF THE ZETA PHI CHAPTER OF SIGMA NU

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PHASE III TO BEGIN

Make Your Gift Today and Support Our Legacy

The Campaign for Sigma Nu continues throughout this winter, pushing to secure \$750,000 in additional funds to complete Phase III of the renovation and expansion of the Sigma Nu fraternity house at Bradley. Please consider making your gift prior to December 31, 2022, to receive full tax benefits.

Phase III of the campaign includes a two-story enclosure of the back pit area adjacent to the parking lot. Other added space will provide air conditioning to the lower level of the house, a new dining area, a workout room, and another group bathroom upstairs. This phase will be completed once an estimated, additional \$750,000 is secured from alumni gifts.

To date, all projects completed in Phases I and II have been paid for with over \$1.1 million secured from contributions from 80 of our over 1,300 Sigma Nu alumni. Thanks to the support of these brothers, we have been fortunate to complete all the work without any loans. With our participation rate hovering around 6%, we'd love to see at least 10% of our brothers contributing; we'd have our Phase III goal knocked out in no time!

All gifts to Sigma Nu should be made directly to Bradley University and designated to the "Sigma Nu Campaign." Bradley University will deposit all funds in a special account for Sigma Nu for Phase III of the campaign. Donors can make a pledge and pay over a two-year period. For more information and to receive the official pledge form, please contact me.

Fraternally,
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A Glance at Donors per Donation Level

Donation Level	Number of Donors
\$300,000+	(0)
\$150,000-\$299,999	★★ (2)
\$100,000-\$149,999	★★★★★★ (7)
\$50,000-\$99,999	★★★★★ (5)
\$25,000-\$49,999	★★★★★ (5)
\$10,000-\$24,999	★★★★★★★★★★★★ (12)
\$5,000-\$9,999	★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ (14)
\$1,000-\$4,999	★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ (18)
\$500-\$999	★★★★★★★★★★ (9)
\$250-\$499	★★★★★★★★★★ (12)
\$100-\$249	★★★★★★ (5)
\$50-\$99	★ (1)
Under \$50	(0)



Completed Phase II renovations on the front of the chapter house.

Maintaining High Standards

ZETA PHI STAYS ON TOP

Brothers, our chapter has been hard at work setting the bar for Greek life on campus.

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

Statistics from the spring semester have Sigma Nu not only on top of all fraternities in GPA, but also higher than the all-campus average! Sigma Nu also touts the highest total of philanthropic donations of all fraternities and sororities.

WELCOME, COLLEEN!

It is my pleasure to introduce our new chapter advisor, Colleen Splitter. Colleen is originally from the south and is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, where she has served in multiple roles as both an active and an alumna. With a career of over 25 years in human resources, Colleen currently serves as the Talent Acquisition Specialist at Bradley University. She is a close neighbor to the fraternity house, residing on Moss Avenue, and is the proud mother of our current Commander.

PHASE II PROJECTS COMPLETE

I am eager to announce the second phase of the renovation is complete. Upgrades to the front of the house include new concrete, columns, and lighting, plus the addition of a gable roof over the porch with the Sigma Nu badge and letters, updated landscaping, and new benches. Our house has been recognized on campus as a model for other fraternities and was even selected to host representatives from other fraternities for an event which welcomed the new Bradley University Director for Greek Life.

HELP WITH PHASE III

Please continue to support our undergraduates as we look forward to Phase III, the final phase of our renovation. For more information on the active chapter, please visit our website at bradleysigmanu.org.

Fraternally,
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Welcome to Colleen Splitter, our new chapter advisor. Pictured with her are brothers Alexander Hamilton '24 (ZΦ1302) and Sean McManis '24 (ZΦ1305).

WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!

Domenic Anzalone '26
Chicago, Ill.

Sean Coen '26
Homewood, Ill.

Isaac Custer '25
Peoria, Ill.

Joshua Dunn '26
Galva, Ill.

Denis McNulty '26
Woodridge, Ill.

Neil Rao '26
Naperville, Ill.

Tyler Piester '24
Galva, Ill.

Andrew Wallace '26
Johnsburg, Ill.

Chapter Officers

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Marshall

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Alumni Relations Chairman

Jackson Pirowski '23 (ZΦ1296)

LEAD Chairman

Josh Beckman '25 (ZΦ1312)

A Guiding Hand

Joe Chambers '07 (ZΦ1033) Remains Grateful for His Bradley and Zeta Phi Experience

No Doubt About Sigma Nu

Growing up in Peoria, **Joe Chambers '07 (ZΦ1033)** was surrounded by a respectable network of friends and family, so when he began at Bradley University, he didn't see himself joining a fraternity. That is, until he realized the presence Sigma Nu had on campus.



The Chambers family visits the Field of Dreams.

Joe admired the welcoming community of Zeta Phi that allowed its members to excel, whether that was through sports or community involvement. He was pleased that the members valued education and leadership, and when it came down to it, there was no doubt that Sigma Nu was right for him.

"I knew right away that I could get more involved with a group of outstanding young men and learn to become a leader while having some fun along the way," Joe shared.

Joe made many fantastic memories in Zeta Phi, including collaborating with his pledge class during Work Week, participating in Game Ball Runs and LEAD sessions, organizing activities for initiation week, and playing ping pong with his brothers late into the nights.

Appreciative of Bradley

Joe's time at Bradley has helped bring him to where he is today, for which he is thankful. With a degree in mechanical engineering, Bradley's Practicum program helped him land his first job at Caterpillar Inc. He also met his wife Kara, a Chi Omega, in college. Joe believes none of these experiences would have happened if it weren't for Sigma Nu.

"Sigma Nu was the invisible hand guiding me through all these events," he shared. "The fraternity helped me develop my skills as a leader through the principles of Love, Truth, and Honor, which are now traits I try to instill in my workgroup and at home with my young sons."

At Caterpillar, Joe serves as an engineering manager, and as a leader, his happiest moments are seeing the complex challenges his team members have delivered. In 2015, he received a Chairman's Award for diesel engine development in the innovation category, then again in 2017 for the sustainability category. He was also granted his second U.S. patent this year.

Giving Back

Since 2017, Joe has served Zeta Phi as a member of the Housing Corporation and Alumni Advisory Board. It is important to him to stay involved with the brotherhood that gave him so much, and he has enjoyed giving back to the younger generation, participating in alumni events, and helping with the capital campaign.

"I enjoy spending time with the new generation of Sigma Nu's at Bradley now because they never stop impressing me."

Embracing Family and Passions

Joe has three sons, Rory (8), Lochlan (8), and Jameson (11), who love school, especially math, and are currently into baseball. When the boys aren't practicing and playing games on the fields, Joe's family enjoys attending Chicago White Sox games.



Joe Chambers and his family at a White Sox game.

Joe is extremely proud of Kara, who is a kindergarten teacher in the Dunlap School District and is pursuing her administration degree at Western Illinois University so she can become a principal. With an amazing work ethic, Joe shares that she is motivated to make a change in the field of education.

In his free time, Joe loves road and mountain biking, and he organizes group rides with his friends and coworkers to stay active. He is also a coffee enthusiast and enjoys roasting his own beans and making drinks for his family and friends.

You can connect with Joe at joseph.g.chambers@gmail.com.

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS WITH MORE TO COME

Zeta Phi Excels on Campus

This summer, Zeta Phi Chapter was lucky enough to undergo more renovations to the front of the chapter house. After our many achievements last semester and these upgrades to the house, we hope to continue surpassing all expectations this year.

PHILANTHROPY

Zeta Phi was recognized as the top chapter for philanthropy across the entire Greek council at Bradley with a \$21,000 donation to OSF Children's Hospital and OSF Almost Home Kids.

ACADEMICS

We also received the top GPA with an all-house GPA of 3.34, which was above the IFC and all-male averages for the university. Among Zeta Phi's academic achievements, we are proud to share that 14 of our members made the Dean's List, with four members reaching a 4.0 GPA for the spring semester. Congratulations to these brothers for their hard work:

Corey Novander '22 (ZΦ1283)

Andrew Pellettire '23 (ZΦ1288)

Jacob Peters '23 (ZΦ1289)

Joshua Kennedy '24 (ZΦ1303)

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

As always, our members take pride in campus involvement. This semester, **Jackson Pirowski '23 (ZΦ1294)** serves as the IFC president, and **Jacob Peters '23 (ZΦ1289)** is the IFC recruitment and manpower chairman.

FUTURE EVENTS

We have a lot of planned for the rest of the semester and year. After fall break, we held our chapter philanthropy week. Next spring, our new philanthropy chairman, **Dylan Makare '25 (ZΦ1311)**, will be running our annual philanthropy, Game Ball Run, during the ISU vs. Bradley Homecoming basketball game.

Lieutenant Commander **Sean McManis**

'24 (ZΦ1305) has planned our Parent's

Weekend for the semester. Stay tuned for more



The Bradley intramurals volleyball championship for the A/B league. From left: Nathan Sachtleben '24 (ZΦ1306), Joshua Kennedy '24 (ZΦ1303), Sean McManis '24 (ZΦ1305), Joshua Manning '23 (ZΦ1291), Jack Settle '24 (ZΦ1304), and Colin Whitehouse '24 (ZΦ1308).

information about the spring 2023 alumni golf event, planned by Alumni Relations Chairman **Jackson Pirowski '23 (ZΦ1294)**.

Fraternally,

Alex Hamilton '24 (ZΦ1302)

Commander

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Sigma Nu Dean's List Spring 2022		
Josh Beckman	Nathan Lobb	Jacob Peters
Aren Eckberg	Sean McManis	Nathan Sachtleben
Mike Finder	Corey Novander	Ben Westerkamm
Josh Kennedy	Ryan Newstrom	Tristan Vidican
Connor Levine	Andrew Pellettire	

All names listed received a 3.5 GPA or higher

Congratulations to our spring 2022 Dean's List members.



Brothers gather in Branson, Missouri, for the annual White Rose Formal.

Alumni Updates

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Samuel M. Vance III '54 (ZΦ0095)

– August 7, 2022

ALUMNI NEWS

Robert S. Hammar '57 (ZΦ0107) lived in Tahiti part time for 35 years. He now lives in Lakewood, Wash.
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James L. Shenoha '61 (ZΦ0208) plays lots of golf in retirement. He enjoys watching his grandchildren grow. He resides in Homer Glen, Ill. Email: jlshenoha@comcast.net

George E. Nicholaou '62 (ZΦ0182) enjoys travel and photography. He lives in Willowbrook, Ill.
Email: ggforhouses@comcast.net

Bob E. O'Hanlon Jr. '64 (ZΦ0213) has been married to Mimi since 1963. They have three daughters and 10 grandchildren. Bob retired in 2004 from his position as president of the retail division for International Paper. His main hobbies are golfing and playing music with a local music club. He also enjoys traveling and playing guitar. He lives in Willowbrook, Ill. Email: reohanlon@gmail.com

Brewster B. Johnson '65 (ZΦ0230) is enjoying his six grandkids, ages 8 to 21. He lives in East Peoria, Ill. Email: brewcam@yahoo.com

Gary R. Bergman '69 (ZΦ340) has been a member of the Bradley Sigma Nu Housing Corporation for the past 30 years and is currently the co-chairman of the *Campaign for Sigma Nu*. He has a great family of six children and actively works as the president of University Study Inc., an international student recruitment company based on Long Island. He lives in Huntington, N.Y. Email: gbergman1@gmail.com

Charles E. Jackson '69 (ZΦ0332) enjoys traveling. He lives in a 55+ community in Clermont, Fla.

K. Kent Brunsman '75 (ZΦ0434) enjoys hunting, fishing, and visiting friends. He lives in Springfield, Ill. Email: k.brunsmann@comcast.net

George C. Schmid '75 (ZΦ0428) handles the Sigma Nu reunions for the 1968 to 1977 classes. He lives in Laguna Niguel, Calif. Email: georgeschmid@cox.net

Bill M. Holderby III '85 (ZΦ0569) has been running a professional drone inspection business for five and a half years. He works with construction companies, engineers, community associations, luxury high-rises, electric utility companies, and more. "Being in a hurricane prone area keeps me busy." He lives in Naples, Fla. Email: bmholderby@gmail.com

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The Campaign for Sigma Nu

Phase III to begin soon! Additional \$750,000 needed to complete projects.

Chapter Achievements

Zeta Phi recognized for being top in philanthropy and academics.

And more!

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ANNUAL SIGMA NU ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

Date: April 29, 2023

Location: TBD

Contact **Jackson Pirowski '23 (ZΦ1296)**
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or (708) 803-5006 with any questions.

WHAT WORDS COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ZETA PHI?

John W. Rowe '63 (ZΦ0195)
"Conversations, maturing, friendships."

Gary R. Zarko '75 (ZΦ0465)
"Sports, crane country, Avanti's."

Paul B. Holmes '77 (ZΦ0469)
"Friends/brothers, teamwork, pride."

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE SIGMA NU MEMORIES?

Bruce B. McNeil '64 (ZΦ0241)
"Initiation and living in the old/first
chapter house."

Brewster B. Johnson '65 (ZΦ0230)
"Pan-Fra Sing; football games against other
fraternities; purple passion parties."

K. Kent Brunzman '75 (ZΦ0434)
"Eating peanut butter in the kitchen late at
night on weekends."

WHAT KEEPS YOU CONNECTED TO SIGMA NU AS AN ALUMNUS?

James L. Shenoha '61 (ZΦ0208)
"Seeing how the house is doing."

Bob E. O'Hanlon Jr. '64 (ZΦ0213)
"Several lifetime friendships; my wife is a
Bradley alumna."

George C. Schmid '75 (ZΦ0428)
"Run all the alumni events for years 1966-78."

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