
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Formal Recruitment Yields 10 Candidates

The Brothers of Sigma Nu were ecstatic when Recruitment Chair Dakota Watson, BB 1545, announced that nine First-Years going through formal recruitment had accepted bids. While some candidates chose to delay Candidacy for personal reasons, the chapter gained three additional Candidates through open-bid processes.



Brother Watson credits the largest candidate class in years to a distinct focus on different aspects of the formal recruitment process. “For formal recruitment, we had two main areas of focus,” says Watson. The first focus was raising the retention rate from first to second round. In the process, those going through formal recruitment are able to select up to 5 chapters to return to in second round. “We have proven in the past to have strong retention from second to round to third round, so our focus was to give ourselves a larger pool to select from,” said Watson. “We were successful, as we brought back 13% from first to second round, 50% from second to third round, and we were able to bring in 82% of those individuals that came back to third round.”

The second area of Brother Watson’s focus was the presentation of the chapter, “we understand that everyone going through the process are interested in joining Sigma Nu, but we have found that the more we stay true to ourselves during recruitment the better individual men we end up bringing to Sigma Nu,” said Brother Watson. The chapter culminated third round of formal recruitment with two heartfelt speeches from Brother Omar Abdel-Rahim, BB 1549, and Brother Vincenzo Scampino, BB 1544. These speeches touched on real-life examples of the support and care that exists in our Brotherhood.

With the largest candidate class in recent history comes a new set of challenges and complications, especially for Sigma Nu’s Candidate Marshal, Quin Abarr, BB 1540. “The large class size definitely made it harder, but that’s not a bad thing,” said Brother Abarr, “The candidates have bonded really well, which can make for interesting, but distracting, conversations during LEAD Phase 1.” Brother

Abarr had nothing but good things to say about the candidates, “Each new class seems to get stronger and stronger, and the new class is no exception. There are a few candidates who have already shown the initiative for leadership, but all of them have demonstrated their worth and shown me what they'll add to the house. There's a good mix of skills that will make this class as a whole very strong leaders in the future. They are all fantastic guys, and I regret that I only have one semester to get to know them.”



Bid cards awaiting their presentation during third round

Brother Watson wanted to add that, “the incoming class has brought a breath of youthful energy that looks to take the house to a whole new level over the next three years. I am excited to see all that they will accomplish, and I hope you will join me and the rest of my graduating class in supporting and watching these young men grow our chapter.”

- John Sampson, BB 1562

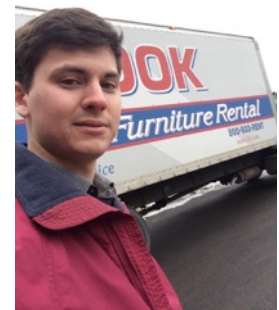
Adventures in Winter Term

Now that spring semester is in full swing and midterms are fast approaching, it’s a wonderful time to look back at the fun things our Brothers did during Winter Term:



Brother Clay Langley presented his Winter Term project at the IU School of Informatics and Computing. His Winter Term, “Bridge to Informatics,” culminated in a prototype of a data collection device that records the amount of time a user spends sitting each day.

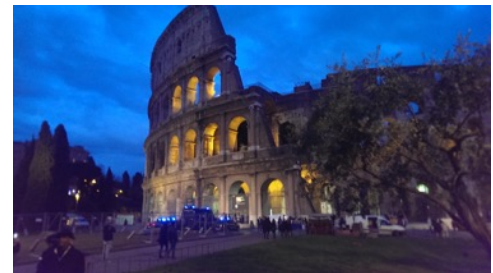
Trusted Candidate Jacob Widner had an internship with Brook Furniture Rental Inc. in Lake Forest, IL. Widner worked in marketing, database management, and even went out on a pickup/delivery run. Widner had a great time and learned a lot of helpful, applicable, skills.





Brothers Jon Mark Sabel and John Sampson traveled abroad to Japan in the course “Japanese Culture, Technology and Design.” The pair stayed together with a Japanese host family at the beginning of the trip, where they sampled the local cuisine. Then, the class traveled down to Tokyo and on to Kyoto. Both Brothers had a wonderful time, and wish they could have spent more time there.

Brother Alexander Agnone traveled to Italy in a course focused on Italian Film. On the trip, Brother Agnone made and produced a short film.



Brothers Charles Klare and Rhys Weber went to Paris for a class on the French Revolution. While there, they visited lots of historical sites including Napoleon's Tomb, the Arc de Triumph, and the many works at the Louvre. After having been back in the states for a while, Weber can say that he is very grateful that he was able to go to Paris for two weeks and very hopeful that they can go back sometime in their lives.



While Brother Aaron Rabishaw wasn't enrolled in a Winter Term course, he and his band played at the Chicago House of Blues over winter break. His band, “The Skalers” played an 8-song all original set for a crowd of 500 fans. Rabishaw thoroughly enjoyed his chance for such an incredible experience.

These are only a few of the incredible experiences that our Brothers had over Winter Term.



LEADing the Candidates to Victory

WRITTEN BY QUIN ABARR, BB 1540

The Candidate class met with Sue Murray, Mayor of Greencastle, on Tuesday, February 17th. They had a great conversation about philanthropy and community service, especially as they relate to Greencastle and DePauw. I think their meeting left the candidates enthused and ready to help both communities grow together.

On February 26th, the Candidates met with Raj Bellani of the Hubbard Center for Student Engagement. He gave an excellent overview of his time management program to help the candidates be more efficient with their time. I'm confident that the methods the candidates learned from Raj's presentation will help them excel academically.

Brother Spotlight

Anthony De Pascuale, BB 1542

Anthony is a senior biology major on a pre-med track, who still manages to find time to have fun. In the past, he's served as recruitment chair, house manager, risk reduction chair, social chair, the reporter, and is currently recorder. Anthony has black belts in both hapkido and tae kwon do, and is treasurer for DePauw's Hapkido Club and Tae Kwon Do Club. On top of that, Anthony was VP for Member Education and Campus Climate on DePauw's Interfraternity Council. Despite everything, he still finds time to play video games and board games with many Brothers in the house. Anthony exemplifies the values of Love, Honor and Truth in his everyday life.



House Leadership

Eminent Commander: Clay Langley

Treasurer: Vincenzo Scampini

Marshal: Quincy Abarr

Alumni Relations: John Sampson

Risk Reduction Officer: Aaron Rabishaw

Social Chairman: Vincenzo Scampini

Philanthropy Chair: Joshua Hanselman

Recruitment Chair: Dakota Watson

Lieutenant Commander: Omar Abdel-Rahim

Recorder: Anthony De Pascuale

Chaplain: Dakota Watson

Sentinel: Nathaniel Smith

House Manager: Kevin Yean

LEAD Chairman: Clay Langley

Scholarship Chairman: Timothy Brauer

Public Relations: Tyler Benware



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Upcoming Events

Sigma Nu Events

Initiation Chapter: March 15th

Affirmation of Knighthood and Final Chapter: May 10th

Campus Events

Spring Break: March 21st to March 29th

Little 5: April 18th

Admitted Student Open House: April 11th

Commencement: May 17th

Alumni Weekend: June 3rd to June 7th

Alumni News

Get a new job? Move recently? Get married? We want to know!

Get reconnected with your brothers – e-mail news to SigmaNu@DePauw.edu



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