
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Sigma Nu Celebrates 125 Years at DePauw

Last November marked 125 years of Sigma Nu at DePauw University. In celebration, the chapter planned a weekend of events culminating with a celebration banquet dinner hosted at the Inn at DePauw. The weekend was successful not only in celebration of 125 incredible years, but also in demonstrating the dedication of our alumni brotherhood.

The weekend commenced with an open-house on Friday night at the chapter house, which gave active brothers a chance to connect with alumni brothers and alumni brothers a chance to see the current house. Alumni and actives alike gathered around old photos, composites, and yearbooks while reminiscing on old stories and memories from their collegiate years.



Sunday started bright and early at 8:00 with an Alumni meeting with the chapter Executive Committee. The committee gave updates on finances, recruitment, and operations including scholarship and philanthropic efforts. The discussion then morphed into a discussion regarding the creation of an Alumni Advisory Board facilitated with materials and plans provided by Todd M. Denson, Director of Alumni Advisory Programs with the General Fraternity. Chapter Alumni Advisor, Daniel Grumieaux

agreed to take the lead in gathering interest and organizing the Alumni Advisory Board.

After the early morning meeting, active and alumni Brothers engaged in an active vs. alumni basketball game in the Lilly Auxiliary Gym. Despite the alumni team's best efforts, the active Brothers triumphed with a final score of 48-18. Afterwards, brothers gathered at Mama Nunz Italian for lunch.

The weekend ended with a celebration banquet dinner hosted at the Inn at DePauw. There were nearly 60 active brothers, alumni brothers, and guests in attendance, including the chapter's academic advisor, DePauw Computer Science Professor Scott Thede. The night began with a cocktail hour with music played by Brothers Aaron Rabishaw, BB 1561, and Jeremy Irving, BB 1568. Then



Commander Clay Langley, BB 1557, began the night with a speech on how the chapter and the Beta Beta alumni have impacted his life. The next speaker was Alumni Brother Scott Stetson, BB 1319, DePauw class of 1986 and Major Gifts Officer in the DePauw Office of Alumni Engagement. Brother Stetson's speech highlighted incredible things that Beta Beta alumni have accomplished, including the new addition to the Lilly Physical Education and Recreation Center, donated by Alumni Brother Scott Welch, BB 1247, and DePauw Board of Trustees member Brother Brent St. John, BB 1330.



Brother Wurster presenting Commander Langley and Brother Grumieaux with the 125 year certificate.

The keynote speaker, Brother Al Wurster, BZ 1334, A 336, and current Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation, talked about the incredible importance of continued support of the chapter by the alumni.

Brother Wurster's speech reinforced the points made by Brother Langley and Brother Stetson, and mentioned Brother Dakota Watson, BB 1454, and his recent selection as an Alpha Affiliate, A 619. Concluding his speech, Brother Wurster presented Commander Clay Langley and Alumni Advisory Daniel Grumieaux with a 125-year celebratory certificate granted by the General Fraternity.

Afterwards, Brother John Sampson, BB 1562, on behalf of the chapter, presented Brothers Matthew Rager, Daniel Grumieaux, and Dakota Watson with awards thanking them for their outstanding and continued dedication to the chapter. Without them, the chapter would not be the incredible chapter that it is today. Commander Langley then closed the night by thanking all of the alumni and guests for their support.

The weekend was a good celebration of the momentous things the chapter has done over 125 years. It also proved that membership in Sigma Nu does not end after graduation. The active brothers loved meeting and getting to know alumni that were able to attend, and it instilled a new drive in the brothers to keep working to improve the chapter.

- John Sampson, BB 1562

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Philanthropy and Scholarship Updates



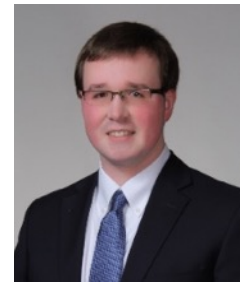
Jacob Widner
BB 1576
Philanthropy Chairman

Sigma Nu Beta Beta's Philanthropy and Service committee has been working hard to rebuild and revamp our presence in the Greencastle community and on DePauw's campus. Over the course of the year, our chapter has hosted multiple "basketball bashes" where we invite middle schoolers from Greencastle to play pickup games with us. We have had a lake cleanup at the local Jaycee Park and have participated in other small events like helping organize rooms at Gobin Church. Our brothers have also engaged in many individual service organizations ranging from Big Brother Big Sister, to tutoring their peers in the academic resource center. Our participation in other greek chapters' philanthropic events has also increased dramatically from past years. We were also able to partner with a local deli, Myers Market, to fundraise \$372 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital towards the end of first semester.

Second semester has some big plans in store including our annual Taste of DePauw event, where we feature local dishes from restaurants and other greek houses in a buffet-style format, charge students to attend and eat, and donate all proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project. We will be hosting an event with the Society of Physics Students to raise money to go towards the Helping Hand Initiative and will also be partnering with Psi Xi (an independent sorority) to create a carnival-themed event this spring to benefit St. Jude's. Our house will also be participating in Relay for Life in May and will have a booth setup at Blackstock Stadium for fundraising at that event, in addition to all of the brothers fundraising individually.

Each brother is strongly recommended to complete at least ten hours of service per semester and we are currently making great strides as a house toward that goal. It was our chapter's mission to make a \$10,000 economic impact on the community, and when calculated our total house hours of 390, times the national value of a volunteer hour (\$23), equals \$8,970 total economic impact so far! We are very happy and excited with our progress this year as a house and will continue to work hard to make Philanthropy and Service something this house prides itself on.

Scholarship was very active last semester and the results speak for themselves. We hosted our 2nd annual Scholarship Banquet where we invited faculty and brothers to a formal dinner celebrating their academic performance and promoting scholarship as a key tenet of our brotherhood. We renewed the Academic Enrichment Program and got individual assistance for those brothers, all of whom saw improvement in semester Grade Point Average by the end of the semester. We saw increased attendance at our study tables both in and out of the house. We initiated a new gift card incentives program for good grades, continued handing out scholarship keys for exemplary performance, and are now in the young stages of developing a scholarship courtesy of the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation. As for grades, our chapter Grade Point Average increased from 3.121 at the end of Spring 2015 (end of last school year) all the way to 3.34 at the end of Fall 2015 (end of last semester). This jump of over two tenths in Grade Point Average vaulted the house from 4th place in the fraternity rankings, where we were far behind the top 3, all the way up to 2nd place where we missed the top spot by only two hundredths of a point! We are now working on laying the foundation for future academic success and hope to continue that success moving into a new semester.

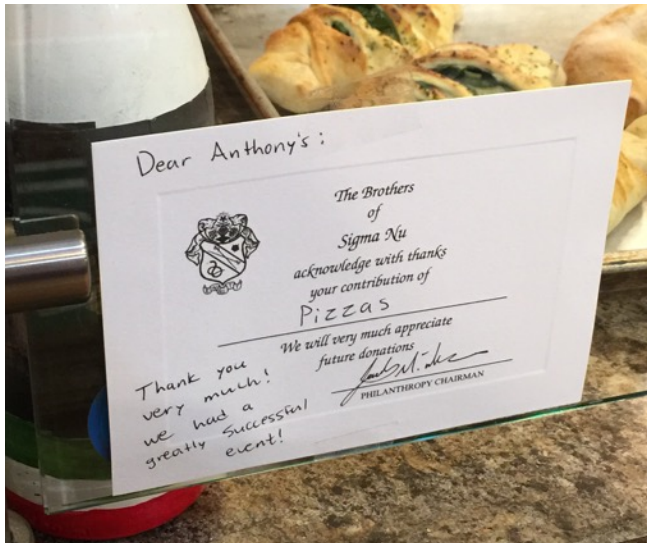


Connor Marshall
BB 1570
Scholarship Chairman



Annual Philanthropy Event "Taste of DePauw" Raises Upwards of \$650

Sigma Nu hosted its annual philanthropy event to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Taste of DePauw is a \$5 sampling of food provided by local restaurants and organizations. This year's Taste of DePauw was hosted on February 25th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Union Building ballroom. Food this year was provided by many local restaurants and organizations, including Bon Appétit, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and local sorority Psi Lambda Xi. A complete list of sponsors is below.



Through \$5 admittance and donations by sororities, Sigma Nu was able to raise upward of \$650 to donate to Wounded Warrior Project.

Sponsors

Bon Appétit
 Myers' Market
 Charlie's Beefcake Burgers
 Monical's Pizza
 Mama Nunz Italian
 Anthony's Pizza
 Almost Home
 Marvin's
 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
 Psi Lambda Xi



Alumni and Active Brothers Play in First Christian Church's Organ Extravaganza

Brother Nathaniel Smith, BB 1566, and Alumni Brother Jason Asbury, BB 1412, played in First Christian Church's Organ Extravaganza on Friday, March 4th. Brother Smith is the current organist at First Christian Church in Greencastle, and Brother Asbury is a previous organist and music director for the church. The church asked Brothers Smith to preform alongside Brother Asbury in an organ concert. Multiple Brothers attended the concert to support Brother Smith and Brother Asbury. In an email to Nate, Brother Asbury said:

"I was surprised and thrilled to see so many guys from the house. I have such fond memories of my time living in the house, and it was such an affirmation to see all the guys at an organ concert on a Friday night!"

House Leadership

Eminent Commander: Kemble Manning

Treasurer: John Sampson

Marshal: Zachary Jacobs

Alumni Relations: John Sampson

Risk Reduction Officer: Armaan Patel

Social Chairman: Daniel Burmeister

Philanthropy Chair: Jacob Widner

Recruitment Chair: Omar Abdel-Rahim

Intramural Chairman: Kevin Yean

Lieutenant Commander: Nathaniel Smith

Recorder: Connor Marshall

Chaplain: Jayden Wallsmith

Sentinel: Clay Langley

House Manager: Kyle Pratt

LEAD Chairman: Jeremy Irving

Scholarship Chairman: Connor Marshall

Public Relations: John Sampson

University Representative: Caleb Akers

Upcoming Events

Sigma Nu Events

Affirmation of Knighthood and Final Chapter: May 8th

Campus Events

Little 5: April 30th

Commencement: May 22nd

Alumni Weekend: June 11rd

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