



FALL 2018

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

THE AUBURN SIG

On the Road to Rechartering

Greetings brothers. Welcome to our newest version of *The Auburn Sig*. It is great to be able to communicate with you. We are so happy to be where we are in the process of bringing Sigma Chi back to Auburn's campus.

It seems appropriate at this point that we should address where we were, where we are now, and where we are going. As many of you know, Gamma Sigma lost its Sigma Chi charter in the fall of 2013 following an investigation into allegations of hazing. Summer 2017 the Sigma Chi Gamma colony of Sigma Chi was born. Fall recruitment 2017 led to 17 new pledges. Winter recruitment added another four. This fall 2018, we had an additional 17 young men of different talents, temperaments, and convictions pledge Sigma Chi.

Where are we now? Sigma Chi is back and determined to be Auburn's preeminent, values-based leadership development fraternity. We intend to fully embrace the values of Sigma Chi as set forth in our ritual and the values of Auburn University as set forth in the Auburn Creed. The Sigma Chi colony has adopted a zero tolerance policy for hazing, drug use, and alcohol abuse. We are a select group of individuals with an emphasis on scholastic achievement, philanthropy, and leadership roles on the Auburn University campus. We are working hand in hand with Sigma Chi as we restore Gamma Sigma's charter. The national leadership of our fraternity has many things to offer in the form of training opportunities for our members and the colony intends to embrace those programs.

Where are we going? If all goes as planned, we expect to complete the colonization process and be approved for the reinstallation of the Gamma Sigma Chapter in the spring of 2019. All of the current colony members will be initiated together on April 6, 2019, as determined



Executive committee members at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Bowling Green, Ohio, in August.

by the Sigma Chi Executive Committee. All Gamma Sigma alumni will be invited to participate along with representatives of all of the undergraduate chapters in our province, several national officers, and members of Sigma Chi's new Chapter Development Committee. The initiation ceremony will be followed that evening by a reinstallation banquet that will include spouses, dates, parents, and university officials.

The Gamma Sigma chapter house at 737 West Magnolia will be returned to the chapter at the conclusion of spring semester 2019 and significant renovations are planned for the summer of 2019. The chapter will occupy the house in the fall of 2019. We look forward to that time as it will provide a focal point for us to renew old bonds of friendship and to establish new ones. You all can be proud to be represented by this new group of young men and the journey we are on. Financial support from all of us will be needed to complete this work.



John Smyth '93, Ryan Barnes '20, Fischer Hawkins '21, Armen Palanjian '21, and Michael Roberts '20 at an alumni event honoring winners of the Sigma Chi Foundation at Auburn University Scholarship.

Sigma Chi Foundation Awards Thousands in Scholarships

On Saturday, August 25, at a reception in Auburn to honor Gamma Sigma Significant Sig Jim Thompson '66, four undergraduate colony members were also awarded academic scholarships. The Sigma Chi Foundation at Auburn University, Inc. awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to colony members who excelled academically and in their extracurricular activities on Auburn's campus. The recipients were, **Ryan Barnes**, a junior from Auburn, Ala., majoring in information systems management; **Fischer Hawkins**, a sophomore from Homewood, Ala., majoring in accounting; **Armen Palanjian**, a sophomore from Dothan, Ala., majoring in accounting; and **Michael Roberts**, a junior from Mobile, Ala., majoring in accounting.

BACK IN ACTION

Sigma Chi Gamma Reestablishes Itself as a Top Auburn Fraternity

Over the past few months, Sigma Chi Gamma has been improving across multiple fronts. Our academics, philanthropy, and brotherhood have all seen tremendous progress from a year ago. We are on the right path for success, and I look forward to seeing where this year takes us.

Sigma Chi Gamma's academics are among the best on campus. We currently rank fourth among IFC fraternities with a semester GPA of 3.29, which is an improvement from the previous semester's 3.15 GPA. Fall in the SEC



The executive committee at the Province Conference in Biloxi, Miss., in February 2018.

compares to no other, and this fall semester looks promising for Sigma Chi Gamma. Our GPA (3.22 cumulative) earned us priority in reserving seats for football games.

Sigma Chi Gamma reestablished at Auburn University in the fall of 2017 and the campus has noticed. We have participated in philanthropy events such as Alpha Chi Omega's Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes and the campus-wide Beat Bama Food Drive. We are also sponsoring our Sweetheart, Phi Mu **Carley Bivin '19**, this semester for Homecoming queen. One of our members, **Michael Roberts '20**, serves as the vice president for Campus Involvement (Beat Bama), and has been helping Carley with her platform supporting the food drive. Sigma Chi Gamma fully supports our sweetheart and hopes to see her become Homecoming queen this October.

The brotherly bonds made through Sigma Chi Gamma have grown stronger and deeper as we progress through colonization. To emphasize the importance of brotherhood in our colony, we have implemented 10 individual community

service hours per semester. Service hours provide a mutually beneficial activity for both our members and our community; we get to spend quality time with one another while giving back to Auburn. **Armen Palanjian '21** serves as a service project coordinator for IMPACT. IMPACT coordinates volunteer opportunities with 16 different community service agencies. Armen is planning two community service events for our chapter for this fall. Sigma Chi Gamma strives to earn the highest service hours-to-member ratio on campus.

The success seen at Sigma Chi Gamma could not be achieved without the help and support from our chapter advisor, **Brian Snyder, Eta Phi '82**, our alumni, and most importantly, our members. The Sigma Chi Fraternity teaches me something new every day and has caused me to grow as a man. I am humbled to be a part of such an elite group, and I look forward to the fall semester ahead.



Fraternally,
Coleman Kitchens '19
Consul

FALL 2018 NEW MEMBERS

Nic Alessi '22
Homewood, Ala.

Hunter Allen '21*
Millbrook, Ala.
(**William E. Gauspohl, Troy '84, Stephen M. Forte, Troy**)

Brooks Berry '22
Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Matthew Cofield '22
Atlanta, Ga.

Stuart DiBoyan '22*
Atlanta, Ga.
(**David DiBoyan, East Tennessee State '92**)

Harrison Fuller '22*
Tampa, Fla.
(**John Alden Weichel Sr., Miami Ohio '49, John Alden Weichel Jr., Florida State '76, Jarrell Mars Baird, Washington and Lee '78, William Hudson Baird, Vanderbilt '10**)

Sam Johnson '22
Hoover, Ala.

Zack Lundy '22*
Atlanta, Ga.
(Father **Doug Lundy, North Georgia '86**)

Richmond Maddox '22
Vestavia Hills, Ala.

John Matherne '22
Atlanta, Ga.

Thomas McMillan '22*
Mobile, Ala.
(**Thomas Archie McMillan Sr. '69, Thomas Archie McMillan Jr. '93**)

Harry Meyer '22
Savannah, Ga.

David Moody '22*
Charlotte, N.C.
(Great-grandfather **John W. Rohe, Miami Ohio '40**, Grandfather **George Rohe, Northwestern University '64**)

Miller Murchison '22
Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Blake Punch '21
Atlanta, Ga.

Cole Roberts '22
Atlanta, Ga.

Connor Rose '22
Southlake, Texas

Luke Shilling '22*
Carrollton, Ga.
(Grandfather **Robert Shilling, Northwestern '62**, Father **Greg Shilling '89**)

Mason Tittle '19
Pelham, Ala.

*Legacy

Chapter Officers

Tribune | **Ryan Barnes '20**

Recruitment Chairman | **James Buckley '20**
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Historian | **Gregory Crook '20**

Risk Manager | **Reid Geheren '21**

Annotator | **Fischer Hawkins '21**

Magister | **Ross Jones '20**

Consul | **Coleman Kitchens '19**
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Social Chairman | **Dryden Lewis '21**

Scholarship Chairman/Chaplain
Addison Love '20

Pro Consul | **Will Odom '20**

Quaestor | **Armen Palanjian '21**

Philanthropy Chairman/House Manager
Michael Roberts '20

Alumni Update

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Charles R. Elder IV '07 entered Chapter Eternal on June 26, leaving behind his wife, Shannon, and their two children: Charlie (5) and Caroline (3). Charles' life was celebrated on June 29 by almost 700 family members and friends. "We will miss him greatly until we meet him again in Heaven. Charles was a wonderful son, husband, father, and friend and he had fond memories of his beloved Auburn and Sigma Chi brothers," his wife Shannon recalls. He lived in Shreveport, La.

ALUMNI NEWS

James R. Havron '49 retired from International Paper Corp. in 1986 and went to work for Finnish Firm until he retired for good in 1998. Dick now does volunteer work with Meals on Wheels and through a local hospital and church in the Mobile, Ala., area. Dick has remained in touch with a handful of Sigma Chis from his era and would love to know how others are doing. Dick is also happy to say his son and grandson are both members of Gamma Sigma as well. E-mail: dickhavron@aol.com

Aaron C. Levi '50 is retired and lives on his farm in Hamilton, Ga. Aaron will turn 91 in December and his wife, Helda, is 89. "We are getting down the road of life. We have had a blessed life. I have good memories of my Sigma Chi days."

James W. Steadman '52 was employed at Ingalls Ship Building in 1952 and went

from engineer to manager to director to vice president. He lives in Gautier, Ms. E-mail: anemonie@gmail.com

Robert J. Daniel '61 has four children who are all Auburn graduates. Robert has had grandchildren attending AU since the fall of 2008. He lives in Dadeville, Ala. E-mail: bobandcheryldaniel@charter.net

Cobb M. Golson Jr. '62 is playing bridge three times a week and has a goal to achieve Gold Life Master recognition. He lives in Fairhope, Ala. E-mail: jackieg141@aol.com

Samuel D. Belcher '63 is semi-retired and only doing fundraiser auctions and contract work for other auctioneers. He lives in Smyrna, Ga. E-mail: sdbelcher@gmail.com

Frank R. Fryer '66 and his wife, Wyonnette, have three grandchildren, one who is considering Auburn for his college studies. "Best wishes as you reestablish the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Chi at Auburn. War Eagle!" Frank lives in Naperville, Ill. E-mail: frankfryer@yahoo.com

John T. Green Sr. '66 retired as territory manager for Exxon Corporation in 1999. Since retiring, John has been involved with the North American Data Service, has served as a substitute teacher in Duval County, Fla., and is a preferred stockholder in TILT Holdings. He also volunteers his time with Meals on Wheels

and the Sonrise Worship Center, both in Atlantic Beach, Fla. Additionally, John is a member of the Atlantic Beach Country Club and the '60s alumni group for Gamma Sigma. E-mail: jtgreen44@comcast.net

B. S. Harp Jr. '66 and his wife, Linda, have been world travelers and were inducted in the Samford Society in support of the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center on September 14. The couple lives in Midland, Ga. E-mail: stehharp@aol.com

Harry I. Waddle Jr. '66 is president of the house corporation and retired as vice president for Bell South in 2003. He lives in Vestavia, Ala., with his wife. The couple has two daughters and six grandchildren. E-mail: waddlei@bellsouth.net

Steven J. Koehler '70 retired after 42 years practicing dentistry. Steven and Gail moved to Surprise, Ariz., where he plays a lot of golf. "Waiting anxiously for Auburn's football season. War Eagle!" E-mail: skoehler48@gmail.com

David C. Winsor '70 says after 12 great years on Sandy Creek at Lake Martin, he and his wife, Jenny, moved to Gulf Shores around a year ago. "We enjoy being near my two sons and three granddaughters, all whom live in Mobile, Ala." At the Gulf, David and his family enjoys the beach, some boating and fishing, and a lot of eating out at the many fine eateries and watering holes. "Did not take long

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FALL 2017 NEW MEMBERS

Ryan Barnes '20

Auburn, Ala.

Morgan Brown '20

Auburn, Ala.

James Buckley '20*

Bellville, Ga.

(Father **Craig Buckley, Georgia Tech '82**, Uncle **Grant Buckley, Georgia Tech '84**, Grandfather **Jim Buckley, Arkansas '54**)

Gregory Crook '20

Peachtree City, Ga.

Henry Fairleigh '21

Louisville, Ky.

Andrew Garcia '21

Atlanta, Ga.

Reid Gheren '21*

Brookhaven, Ga.

(Father **Patrick Gheren, Iowa '88**)

Mikey Guelfo '21

Kennesaw, Ga.

Fischer Hawkins '21

Homewood, Ala.

Carson Jerding '21

Peachtree Corners, Ga.

Ross Jones '20

Dothan, Ala.

Coleman Kitchens '19*

Vestavia Hills, Ala.

(Uncle **Jace Chandler '89**)

Dryden Lewis '21

Marietta, Ga.

Peyton Lockwood '20*

Dunwoody, Ga.

(Father **Robert Lockwood, William & Mary '88**)

Addison Love '20

Montgomery, Ala.

Will Odom '20

Dallas, Texas

Armen Palanjian '21

Dothan, Ala.



The fall 2017 pledge class after the pinning ceremony.

Jaxon Reinken '21*

Dallas, Texas

(Brother **Steven Reinken, Texas A&M '17**)

Michael Roberts '20

Mobile, Ala.

Jake Snyder '21

Johns Creek, Ga.

Connor Whitmore '21

Dacula, Ga.

*Legacy



Cheer on the Auburn Tigers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Auburn vs. Tennessee

Time: TBD

Parents Weekend

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Join us for the Sigma Chi tailgate
138 South Gay Street
Auburn, AL 36830
(the old Tiger Rags building)

Time: TBD



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Alumni Update

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to get used to the laid-back lifestyle." E-mail: shugorbear4743@gmail.com

Donald A. Peveler '72 is living and loving the retired life, playing lots of golf and doing yardwork. He also enjoys traveling to Charlotte, N.C., to visit his daughter and grandchildren. He lives in Huntsville, Ala. E-mail: dapeve1@yahoo.com

P. Craig Hethcox '73 has been married to Leigh since July 2, 1976. Leigh retired after 32 years of teaching and Craig is a vice president at Surgery Partners. The couple has two daughters, Margaret (married to an Auburn alumnus) and Mary Megan. Both daughters and their husbands have children of their own. Craig and Leigh live in Cumming, Ga., and are members of

the Cumming First United Methodist Church. E-mail: chethcox@aol.com

Charles H. Self Jr. '77 practiced healthcare, risk management, and insurance law for 30 years, which allowed him to travel often in Europe and the Caribbean. He and his wife, Maxine, live on a golf course near Lake Lonier in the shadow of the north Georgia mountains, where they enjoy their boat, grandkids, and other family. Kevin enjoys dinners and other outings with some Gamma Sigs in the area. "I am a master gardener and serve on the board of the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta." E-mail: waregl4@gmail.com

Thomas D. Horne '84 says it has been a busy year. His youngest son, Taylor, left for college at Montana State, his daughter, Rachel, got married

in September, and his son, Jared, finished college at UAB. Debbie and Thomas recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and live in Hoover, Ala. E-mail: tdhorne435@gmail.com

Harold O. Finney '88 has been owner and president of Finney Equipment and Parts in Birmingham, Ala., for over 20 years. He is getting ready for his daughter's senior year of high school and looking forward to Sigma Chi reestablishing itself at Auburn. E-mail: hafinney@hotmail.com

Kevin B. Gammill '02 and his wife, Marie, live in Birmingham, Ala., with their children, Genevive (8) and Henry (3). Kevin is general manager of construction for Southern Company. E-mail: kevingammill@gmail.com

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