



# THE AUBURN SIG

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SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

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### FULFILLING FOUNDATION DUTIES

**H**appy fall to everyone!

As you will see, Gamma Sigma Chapter is on an unbelievable roll. Our Foundation continues to support our collegiate brothers along the path.

- In April, we held our inaugural leadership speaker session at the Lowder School of Business. Auburn University President **Dr. Jay Gogue '69** was interviewed by **David Bell '88** and gave the members plenty of great advice and insight. We also presented scholarship awards to four deserving undergraduates and hosted them for dinner that evening at Ariccia at the Auburn Conference Center. We look forward to continuing the leadership speaker series this fall.
- Your Gamma Sigma Chapter received the Peterson Significant Chapter Award for the third time in a row at the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop in August. The Peterson Award recognizes chapters that achieve excellence in all operations, including academics, philanthropy, recruitment, and ritual performance.
- Finally, at Derby Days this year, our chapter raised over \$74,000 to support the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

They finished 11th in donations of all Sigma Chi chapters across the country and were invited to attend the Huntsman Foundation retreat in Salt Lake City as a result.

Gamma Sigma is heading in a great direction, and your financial assistance is important to the chapter's current and future success. There are still many things we need to do to support active and future brothers and ensure that their Sigma Chi experience is as meaningful as it can be at Auburn.

Our foundation is healthy, and we thank you for your support and encouragement.

If you would like to contribute, or continue contributing, to the WCS, you can use PayPal or send a check to:

Fred McCallum  
2110 Longleaf Trail  
Vestavia, AL 35243

In Hoc,  
**Alan Shackelford '90**  
Sigma Chi Foundation President



Sigma Chi Foundation awards  
Michael Lynden '24 with a scholarship.



Jack Engel '23 receives a scholarship  
award from the Sigma Chi Foundation.



# LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

## Significant Sig Dr. Paul Stumb IV '82 Reflects on His Fraternal Values

**H**ow have Sigma Chi's core values shaped you as an alumnus? For **Paul**, his undergraduate years and a deep appreciation for the Jordan Standard helped him develop into the leader he is today. Following in the footsteps of his father, a former Consul of Alpha Psi Chapter at Vanderbilt in the 1950s, Paul joined the brotherhood that was sure to change his life.

### A STUDENT OF FAIR ABILITY

"I was proud to wear my Sigma Chi letters and colors across the AU campus and later throughout life as an alumnus," Paul said. As an undergraduate, Paul took after his father by serving Gamma Sigma Chapter as scholarship chairman and later being elected Pro Consul in his junior year.

Though completing a bachelor's degree in engineering prepared Paul for his career, it was service to Gamma Sigma Chapter that developed his leadership, time management, communication, and teamwork skills. He entered a bountiful job market in 1982 with exceptional classmates, including Apple CEO Tim Cook and Tennessee Governor Bill Lee. Paul began work in the Oak Ridge nuclear weapons complex, and he immediately began graduate studies at UTK while teaching as a graduate assistant.

"Since that first job out of college, I have had many wonderful mentors and many wonderful jobs, but I have always maintained an appreciation for and affiliation with higher education," Paul said. Paul completed a Ph.D. in engineering while working in multiple industries, raising a family, and serving in the U.S. Navy reserves.

### WITH AMBITIOUS PURPOSES

Along with his assistant role at UTK, Paul was a faculty member at Georgia State University, Shorter College, MTSU, the Navy War College, and Cumberland University. Staying true to the leadership lessons learned in Gamma Sigma, Paul accepted the role of Dean of the Business School at Cumberland. These skills eventually propelled him to the position of President of the University.



*Dr. Paul Stumb IV '82 with his wife and six of their grandchildren at their home in Lebanon.*

Through his position as President, Paul had the opportunity to recharter the Nu Chapter of Sigma Chi at Cumberland University in 2015. Originally chartered in 1872, the chapter's rechartering was a product of Paul's commitment to the fraternity that eventually honored him as Significant Sig. "It is a great (albeit in my case undeserved) honor to be a member of this very exclusive club of truly outstanding men," Paul humbly said on the honor.

### A CONGENIAL DISPOSITION

Still keeping in touch decades later, many of Paul's lifelong friends are his brothers from 737 W. Magnolia. "I have many fond memories of wrestling matches in the living room, card games downstairs in 'mole hall,' Derby Days, band parties like our annual luau, road trips to Destin, and all the wonderful traditions like Quest that are unique to Sigma Chi brothers."

Paul especially remembers a cross-country road trip to Glacier National Park in summer 1980, stopping at Sigma Chi chapter houses and receiving warm welcomes along the way. He made sure to connect with alumni chapters in Knoxville, Nashville, and Wilson County as a graduate student, and Paul continues to make new friends in the fraternity to this day.

### POSSESSED OF GOOD MORALS

While Paul's position at Cumberland University is demanding, Sigma Chi's core values shaped him to be fit for the role of President. Continuing the family legacy, Paul's late son, **Paul Stumb Jr. '08**, served as Gamma Sigma Consul in 2006. His second son, Trey, was Magister of Nu Chapter at Cumberland University in 2016.

Though Paul's time outside of work is limited, he enjoys spending as much of it as possible with his seven grandchildren. Paul also enjoys flying his Beechcraft Bonanza airplane, working on his Life Master status in contract bridge, skiing, and racquet sports.

You can connect with Paul at [paul.stumb@cumberland.edu](mailto:paul.stumb@cumberland.edu).

## WHY THEY JOINED

*"It was a place where I felt wanted and it matched a lot of the values I want to hold close to my heart. I will continue to represent these values for the rest of my life." -William Norris*

*"To establish meaningful, long-lasting relationships, improve my social and leadership skills, and find people to share my passions and hobbies with." -Luke Smith*





*Pinning/Big Brother night for our fall '22 pledge class.*



*Top three banners from this year's Derby Days banner competition.*

## Leading by Example

### BROTHERS REMAIN INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

#### PETERSON AWARD

This year marked the third year in a row that Gamma Sigma has received the Peterson Significant Chapter Award. We are extremely proud of this achievement and appreciate the recognition we've received for the hard work brothers have put in since being reinstalled on campus.

#### DERBY DAYS

The chapter would also like to recognize **Michael Lynden '24** and others who helped to organize our first in-person Derby Days in over a decade. For this year's Derby Days, we were able to raise over \$70,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, and we hope to raise even more this coming spring!

#### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

As for campus involvement, many brothers participated in student organizations such as SGA and Camp War Eagle. Brothers were asked to join honors societies, and some were elected for leadership positions over the past year. Going forward, Gamma Sigma will be focused on not only increasing our involvement and standing on campus, but also in helping to grow all members of the chapter into the best men they can be.

In Hoc,  
**Max Smith '23**  
Consul



*The Magnolia Plans (feat. Brothers Will Tarter '24, Logan Finklestein, Jack Felder, and Davis Leeth) performing at the KA house in Auburn.*



*Brothers participating in a car wash to help raise money for Huntsman Cancer Foundation.*



*Our backyard during this year's Derby Days Kickoff Cookout.*



## Recruitment Referrals

### Help Us Grow the Chapter

Do you know a young man at Auburn who would be a great fit for Sigma Chi? Be sure to contact Recruitment Chairman **Gage Hughes '25** at (205) 516-0997 with the PNM's name, hometown, alumni connections, if applicable, and why you think they should receive a bid.

## Chapter Goals

- Raise over \$100,000 for Derby Days this year
- Raise the chapter's overall GPA
- Get more brothers involved in campus clubs, organizations, and honors societies



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## Welcome, New Members

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**Jake Faulkner\***  
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**Russel House**  
*Birmingham, Ala.*

**Matthew Lisle**  
*Prattville, Ala.*

**Landen Mittrucker**  
*Roswell, Ga.*

**William Norris**  
*Augusta, Ga.*

**Trevor Shaffer**  
*Pensacola, Fla.*

**Luke Smith**  
*Birmingham, Ala.*

\*Legacy

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

Consul  
**Max Smith '23**

Pro Consul  
**William Tarter '24**

Annotator  
**Cooper Blevins '24**

Magister  
**Canon Tidwell '24**

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**Dylan McQueen '25**

Quaestor  
**Jack Engel '23**

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**Gage Hughes '25**  
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House Manager  
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Social Chairman/Derby Days Chairman  
**Michael Lynden '24**

Tribune  
**Tucker Brant '23**

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Scholarship Chairman  
**Davis Leeth**

Brotherhood Chairman  
**Garrett Palmer**

Tailgate Chairman  
**Cole Barnett**