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SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

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## *House Corporation Plans for Future Renovations*

As I write this, the spring semester at Auburn is coming to an end and the summer repair season is beginning. We will have the interior of the house touched up with paint and will deep clean the floors. We will also continue to work with the chapter on some "wish list" items, but we are mostly in a patch and fix phase.

The chapter is doing great! The group is comprised of many fine young men who represent the ideals of Sigma Chi. I am glad that we, as alumni, can help them achieve their lofty goals. This year, we handled some typical repair issues and are finally done dealing with the Christmas freeze from a year ago. We constantly need kitchen upgrades and replacements, but nothing seems to be major. We will keep our fingers crossed!

The house corporation has an excellent long-range plan for repairs and maintenance that we use as a guide to keep the house up to speed and looking nice. Please drop by if you find yourself in Auburn. The undergraduates would love to show you around.

The house corporation continues to research the possibilities of rebuilding or adding onto the existing structure to help the chapter stay competitive with the other fraternity leaders on campus. Recently, FIJI and SAE completed renovations and additions to their houses. We sit on a great piece of property and want to maintain and maximize the location.

We have varied talents in our HC group and are constantly looking to better ourselves. If you have any interest in getting involved and helping, please reach out to me! We can always use an extra attorney or an accountant to keep us on the straight and narrow. We will keep you informed as we progress through the process of updating our home.

All the best to you!

In Hoc,

**Reid Brown '81**, House Corporation President  
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# United in Excellence

## Gamma Sigma Serves and Improves

As we reflect on the past semester, it fills us with immense pride to share the remarkable achievements and contributions of the undergraduate brothers. Together, we have continued to uphold the values of Sigma Chi through dedication, excellence, and service.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Our fraternity experienced a significant milestone with the fall initiation of 49 new brothers, led by [Jake Davis '25](#). Our most recent spring class of seven initiates was led by our new magister, [Carter Zittrouer '25](#). These additions to our brotherhood signify our commitment to growth and unity.

### ACADEMICS

We are thrilled to announce our dedication to excellence has resulted in our chapter being ranked in the top 10 for grades, boasting a commendable GPA of 3.17, with 33 members making the dean's list. This achievement motivates us to strive for even greater success in the future. As we look to the fall semester, we will continue to improve our grades.

### PHILANTHROPY

At the heart of our fraternity lies a spirit of service for our community. During the semester, we demonstrated our commitment to making a positive impact by raising an impressive \$64,000 during our annual Derby Days event. Through these events, we were able to donate funds to both the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and Auburn University Research Initiative in Cancer. These funds will support meaningful causes and research, furthering our mission of giving back.

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

The brothers continue to raise the bar for being actively involved in campus life, serving in various leadership roles and organizations. Within the Interfraternity Council, we pursue leadership positions through the delegate program and IFC Court. Brothers [Feb Aba '26](#), [Nate Foster '26](#), [Jett Thomas '26](#), [Andrew Syzmela '27](#), and [Seth Worthington '27](#) continue to represent our fraternity within Auburn's orientation teams. Brothers also represent us on Auburn's Student Government Association within the freshman forum, cabinet, and judicial branches, exemplifying leadership and dedication in all endeavors.

As we look ahead, we are excited to build upon these achievements and continue to make a positive impact on our campus and beyond.



In Hoc,  
**Colin Rigor '25**  
Consul



From left: Andrew Syzmela '27, Seth Worthington '27, Feb Aba '26, Nate Foster '26, and Jett Thomas '26 show off their "cow tags," which identify them as orientation counselors.

Feb, middle, is serving as a head orientation leader this summer.



Logan "Cheem" Hall '26, Adams White '26, Jon-Matthew Mattson '26, Jett Thomas '26, and Josh Knight '26 enjoy Formal in New Orleans.



Lenny Bankson '28, Jake Davis '25, Gage Hughes '25, and Arnav Mathur '24 take a group photo with Team Tri Delta during the Derby Days Dodgeball Tournament. Tri Delta, led by Riley Parman (back middle), went on to win the Derby Days competition.

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# Brotherhood That Stands the Test of Time

## A CONVERSATION WITH ORDER OF CONSTANTINE RECIPIENT JOHN SMYTH '93

**S**igma Chi has been a home away from home for countless students over the years. For [John Smyth '93](#), the brotherhood continues to influence his career, goals, and values.

John, a fourth-generation Tiger hailing from Arkansas, found himself at Auburn with no prior connections aside from his older sister—a concern that Sigma Chi soon put to rest. “There were three older brothers in the chapter who also had Arkansas roots,” John recalled. “This deep sense of belonging played a pivotal role in my decision to join and remain a member of the brotherhood.”

During his time as an undergraduate, John was actively involved within the fraternity, holding the position of recruitment chairman during his junior year and later serving as IFC recruitment vice president as a senior.

Since then, Gamma Sigma Chapter has been a source of pride for John, due in part to the strong financial footing they have maintained over the years. “I’m impressed by the debt-free house corporation and of our scholarship foundation, which has over \$500,000 in assets available to assist the chapter,” he said. This financial stability, bolstered by support from Sigma Chis of various generations, sets the chapter apart on campus.

John also respects the current undergraduates and dedicated Chapter Advisor Brian Snyder. “I attended and assisted with initiation ceremonies this fall—I have never seen a Sigma Chi chapter do a better job executing the initiation ceremony. That told me everything I needed to know about the state of our chapter. Their values are in the right place.”

Gamma Sigma provided lifelong friendships and a professional network that significantly influenced John’s career. He acknowledges the support of fellow Sigma Chis, such as Auburn Significant Sigs [Scott Vowell '60](#) and [Jim Thompson '66](#), who served as mentors early in his legal career. John strives to pay it forward by mentoring younger brothers entering the legal profession.



John is proud to have practiced law at one of the country’s leading law firms, Maynard Nexsen, for the past 25 years. His professional growth and the opportunity to lead the Complex Litigation practice group at the firm have been deeply rewarding.

In recognition of his commitment to the fraternity, John was recently inducted into the Order of Constantine, Sigma Chi’s highest honor. “I am very humbled to be inducted into this Order,” John said. “I appreciate my Sigma Chi mentor, [Bob Benz '60](#), who is responsible for nominating me and securing the votes necessary to get me into the club. I’ve got the rest of my life to make sure I deserve the honor.”

John resides in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, with his family. He is married to his college sweetheart, Leigh Ann Waddle, and they have two grown children, Mary Katherine and Hunter. They enjoy their time at Lake Martin, and you can often find John on a golf course when he’s not working. If you’d like to hear more about John’s Sigma Chi experience, you can send him an email at [jsmyth@maynardnexsen.com](mailto:jsmyth@maynardnexsen.com).

## Chapter Goals for 2024-25

As we prepare for a new school year, Gamma Sigma is focused on three key goals:

- Improving our academic performance
- Expanding our campus involvement
- Supporting our brothers in their professional development

- Our priority is to raise our overall GPA through targeted support systems such as study groups and tutoring sessions, ensuring that every member has the resources needed to excel academically.
- We also aim to deepen our engagement with the Auburn University community by actively participating in campus events, volunteering for service projects, and collaborating with other student groups, strengthening Sigma Chi’s reputation as a dynamic and impactful organization.
- Lastly, we are committed to assisting our brothers in securing internships and post-graduate opportunities by providing tailored resources, networking opportunities, and mentorship programs, equipping them with the skills and connections needed for success in their future endeavors.

## Chapter Officers

Consul <a href="#">Colin Rigor '25</a>	Magister <a href="#">Carter Zittrouer '25</a>	House Manager <a href="#">Clay Shackelford '26</a>	Brotherhood Chairman <a href="#">Cole Barnett '25</a>	Sports Chairman <a href="#">Garrett Ledford '27</a>
Pro Consul <a href="#">Landon Miller '26</a>	Risk Manager <a href="#">Beau Barnes '27</a>	Tribune <a href="#">Jackson Haden '26</a>	Historian <a href="#">Seth Worthington '27</a>	Tailgate Chairman <a href="#">Jake Davis '25</a>
Annotator <a href="#">Camden Cantrelle '26</a>	Recruitment Chairman <a href="#">Caedmon Hunt '27</a>	Social Chairman <a href="#">Hudson Carter '26</a>	Philanthropy Chairman <a href="#">Taylor Lansden '25</a>	Chaplain <a href="#">Jack Irish '27</a>
Quaestor <a href="#">Nick Leonard '26</a>	Kustos <a href="#">Robert Rebman '26</a>	Scholarship Chairman <a href="#">Benji Hull '26</a>	Steward <a href="#">RJ Meyer '25</a>	Diversity Chairman <a href="#">Nikolas Mack '26</a>

# Do We Have Your Digital Contact Info?



If you're reading this, hopefully we have your correct mailing address. But what about your email or phone number? We want to be able to stay in contact with all our brothers; having a complete list of emails is essential to doing that!

Please send your preferred email to our communications coordinator at [updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com](mailto:updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com) with "SX AU Email Update" in the subject line, and we'll make sure we have you on our list. Thank you for helping us stay connected.

*Don't worry—your email is safe with us! We do not share your info outside of our organization.*



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Caleb Smith '27 | Birmingham, Ala.  
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Luke Wilson '27 | Charlotte, N.C.  
William Wittman '27 | Birmingham, Ala.  
Seth Worthington '27 | Birmingham, Ala.  
Anderson Wren '27 | Orlando, Fla.  
Jackson Zittrouer '27 | Bogart, Ga.

## Know Someone We Should Know?



If you know a current or incoming student who would be a good fit for our brotherhood, please send a recommendation to our recruitment chairman. Please include your referral's name, contact information, and any other relevant details to **Caedmon Hunt '27** at [cah0028@auburn.edu](mailto:cah0028@auburn.edu) or (205) 919-9480. With your help, Gamma Sigma will grow stronger than ever!