

# THE AUBURN SIG

SPRING 2026

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY



*Graduating class of 2026 at the finish line of our track during the Derby Days date party.*

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## RAISING THE BAR

### Semester Accomplishments

This semester has been an outstanding one for Gamma Sigma Chapter, highlighted by major achievements across academics, leadership, philanthropy, and campus involvement. Most notably, we were honored to receive Large Fraternity of the Year, a recognition that reflects the hard work, dedication, and unity of our brotherhood.

Our commitment to leadership excellence was also showcased through individual recognition. **Caedmon Hunt '27** was awarded the prestigious O.D. Alsbrook Outstanding Greek Leader Award, an honor that speaks to his impact not only within our chapter but also across the entire fraternal community. His leadership has set a strong example for all members to follow.

40 brothers achieved a perfect 4.0, demonstrating our collective dedication to academic success and personal growth. We have built a strong culture of accountability and support among our members.

Derby Days Week, our annual philanthropy event dedicated to raising awareness and funds for cancer-related causes, was filled with engaging events, strong participation from sororities and the broader campus community, and a shared commitment to making a meaningful difference. We proudly raised \$61,993.

Whether actively involved in the classroom, on campus, or in the community, our members continue to represent the chapter with integrity and pride. We are proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to building on this momentum in the semesters ahead.

In Hoc,  
**Anders Wren '27**  
Consul



*Lenny Bankson '27 and Finn Martin '29 at the concourse for Derby Days with fun activities and prizes.*



*Jack Cobb '29 and Maxwell Kwon '29 after Pie a Chi on Cater Lawn.*

# Achieving Greatness

## Auburn Sigma Chi Foundation Update

### Significant Sig Honored in Charlotte

Gamma Sigma proudly celebrated the presentation of the Significant Sig Award to **Rev. Dr. Joseph “Joe John” Clifford ’88** at a gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina. A senior pastor at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Joe was previously featured in our Spring 2025 newsletter.

Six Gamma Sigma alumni and spouses were joined by other Sigma Chis who are members of Joe’s congregation at MPPC. Joe’s wife Jenny, daughter Kate, and son-in-law Sam were also in attendance, making the evening a true celebration of family, faith, and brotherhood.

In brief remarks, Joe reflected on how The Sigma Chi Creed and The Jordan Standard shaped him in ways he has only come to fully appreciate over time. He described seeing a clear continuity between those early lessons and the values that carried him through seminary and into a lifetime of ministry—a reminder that the ideals we commit to as undergraduates are meant to be lived out for a lifetime. Congratulations again, Joe—a worthy and inspiring honoree.



*Celebrating our Significant Sig in Charlotte. From left: Andrew Hensley '93, Rob Pawlowski '87, Mike Murphy '91, Significant Sig Joe Clifford '88, Alan Shackelford '90, David Bell '88, and Dean Jackins '90.*

### Spring 2026 Leadership Speaker Series

Returning to campus in April as the featured speaker for the fourth Auburn Sigma Chi Foundation Leadership Speaker series, **Doug Brown '88** reflected on his Gamma Sigma days and shared hard-won insights from a career built on relationships. Doug is the founder and president of Brownstone Marketing in Atlanta and the entrepreneur behind Brown Bag Marketing, Vetlocity, and White Dog Labs.

Doug’s central message was that networking is the most powerful skill in business—it is not a job-search tactic to be picked up senior year but a four-year investment strategy that compounds over a lifetime. He reminded brothers that 85% of jobs are filled through networking; relationships, not résumés, open the doors that matter most.



*Chapter officers with Doug Brown '88.*

The core of Doug’s talk centered on what he calls the “Sigma Chi Advantage.” With more than 300,000 living members across 240-plus chapters, every undergraduate brother already belongs to one of the most powerful professional networks in the country. A Sigma Chi reaching out to another Sigma Chi starts a conversation with the brotherhood already vouching for him—a shortcut past the first barrier of trust. From Auburn alumni in Atlanta and Birmingham boardrooms to Sigma Chis leading companies across every industry, the network is ready-made; the only question is whether our younger brothers choose to use it.

Doug also shared practical guidance on how AI tools can help brothers research contacts and craft thoughtful outreach. The session wrapped up with a Q&A and strong engagement. Keep an eye out for LinkedIn requests from the undergraduates.

### Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Auburn Sigma Chi Foundation is pleased to award four \$2,500 scholarships to deserving brothers for 2026:

- **Anderson Brooks '28** – Industrial Engineering
- **Owen Key '28** – Chemical Engineering
- **Mason Taylor '27** – Turfgrass Management
- **Frasier Till '27** – Finance

Throughout its history, the foundation has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships based on combinations of scholarship, chapter involvement, campus involvement, and/or financial need. The foundation is supported by alumni and, in particular, by members of the White Cross Society. We encourage all brothers to consider joining the White Cross Society or making a donation to the foundation in Joe Clifford’s honor. Contact **Fred McCallum '79** at [mccallumfred@gmail.com](mailto:mccallumfred@gmail.com) for more information.

## THE BEST DECISION



### Henry Patterson '29

*“I knew people in many Auburn fraternities, but Sigma Chi felt right right away. Getting a bid confirmed it, and I’ve found a community I wouldn’t change.”*

### Max Markstein '29

*“I came to Auburn knowing only a few people, so I pushed myself to meet new ones. Pledging Sigma Chi was one of my best decisions. It gave me great friends from all over, and I’m grateful for that.”*

### JP Harbor '29

*“When I first got to Auburn, my circle was small, so I made it a point to branch out and meet new people. Finding Sigma Chi ended up being a defining part of my experience. It introduced me to a strong brotherhood and friendships I’ll carry with me long after college.”*

## Why These Brothers Chose Sigma Chi

# HOUSE CORPORATION CORNER

## New Additions, Stop by the House!

We are in the midst of prep work for our summer maintenance program. We will touch up paint inside the house, deep clean hard tile floors, and do a general deep cleaning. We are currently adding a projector in the party barn that will allow for visitors to be able to watch their favorite Auburn athletics—it will also be a welcome addition for chapter functions like recruitment.

We continue to battle the age of the structure but have a good team that is active and responsive to chapter needs. The chapter has done a great job in maintaining the property, and we are jointly looking at areas we can improve to create a better living situation and positive recruitment experience. The house corporation is

strategically set up to handle many diverse problems and to implement solutions quickly. We have a positive working relationship with the foundation team, who are supportive of our initiatives—we all are paddling this ship in the same direction.

Please drop by, introduce yourself, and hang out sometime soon. I think you will like what you see! Buzzard and Mole Halls still exist, but the overall property is ever-changing. As always, if I can help, do not hesitate to contact me at [reid@kebspecification.com](mailto:reid@kebspecification.com).

In Hoc,  
**Reid Brown '81**

# Chapter Officers

— Consul —  
**Anders Wren '27**

— Pro Consul —  
**Ashton Titsworth '28**

— Annotator —  
**Nicholas Meadows '28**

— Quaestor —  
**William Phillips '27**

— Risk Manager —  
**Owen Key '28**

— Recruitment Chairman —  
**Gavin Major '28**  
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— Tribune —  
**Wright Tapscott '28**

— Social Chairman —  
**Jake Simpson '28**

— Scholarship Chairman —  
**Adesh Mishra '29**

— House Manager —  
**Mason Taylor '27**

# Inside the Chapter

Total members:

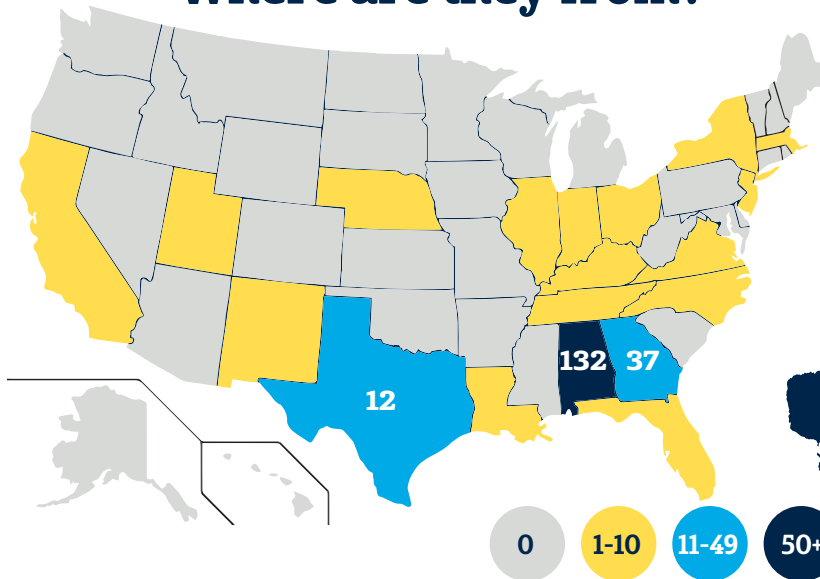


Including 50 new members!

Graduating seniors:



## Where are they from?



# Chapter Goals

### Achieve a 3.5 Chapter GPA

Academic excellence remains a top priority. Our goal is to continue to promote accountability, provide academic resources, and support one another in the classroom.

### Strengthen Alumni Relations

We plan to increase communication, host alumni events, and create more opportunities for mentorship and connection. Building stronger relationships with alumni will help support the long-term success of our chapter.



On May 17, 2025, alumni enjoyed a Gamma Sigma Chapter reunion in recognition of an epic party called the Harper Honkies. Almost 60 brothers gathered at Acme Feed and Seed, a downtown Nashville restaurant owned by Tom Morales '76.

# WHAT'S INSIDE?

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✓ HOUSE CORPORATION UPDATE

✓ FOUNDATION NEWS



Alpha Xi Delta wins our Derby Days dodgeball tournament!



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## Give to Gamma Sigma

**W**e invite alumni to help ensure Gamma Sigma's continued success. A gift to the Sigma Chi Foundation at Auburn is fully tax deductible and directly supports scholarships, academic programming, and ongoing improvements to the chapter house.

Scan the QR code to visit [auburnsigmachi.com/donate](http://auburnsigmachi.com/donate) to give today. For more information on supporting the foundation, email [John Smyth '93](mailto:John Smyth '93) at [jsmyth@maynardnexasen.com](mailto:jsmyth@maynardnexasen.com).

*Thank you for your continued support of Gamma Sigma!*



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*You've  
Got Mail*





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ResearchProves  
**The Value of the Fraternity Experience**  
Alumni finish their collegiate years ahead...

Pledge Class Group Chat  
When's Our Next Meetup?  
Lunch last month was great. Let's do it again!

Sigma Chi at Auburn University **!**  
**Are You Getting Our Emails?**  
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 Make sure your fraternity brothers are also getting emails.

 My info is already up to date! Let's start reading *The Auburn Sig*.

## WHO WILL CARRY THE TORCH?

*Send Us Your Member Recommendations*

**F**rom one generation to the next, our brotherhood endures through those willing to continue our Gamma Sigma traditions. Who do you know with the resilience, leadership, and honor to carry our brotherhood's torch into the next generation?

Help us find the young men who will honor our past and shape what comes next. Send their info, including their phone number, their home address and year in school, and why you think they'll fit right in with Sigma Chi, to **Gavin Major '28** at (205) 706-6672.

