

Colorado Gamma welcomes a Renaissance Brother into our ranks

BY WILLIAM VIRDEN, '14

This March, the brothers of Colorado Gamma were excited to welcome David Kupka, our current resident scholar, into our brotherhood as a Renaissance Brother. Renaissance Brotherhood is awarded to those who, while not joining Sigma Phi Epsilon during their time as an undergraduate, have contributed to the furthering of our principles and ideals later in life. David has played an integral role in our chapter over the last three years and has decided to return to Colorado Gamma for a fourth during the 2013-14 school year. During his tenure, David has overseen chapter academics and also served as an in-house tutor in math and science. He also assists the brothers by proofreading papers. "David has always been willing to look over my papers and has corrected issues that I may have otherwise overlooked; it is incredibly helpful to have him here," states Hayden Rice, '14. His contributions have been overwhelming and awarding him with Renaissance Brotherhood is a way that we as a chapter can show our gratitude.

David received his Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Gustavus Adolphus College



THE BROTHERS OF THE COLORADO GAMMA CHAPTER STAND PROUDLY WITH THE NEWEST MEMBER, DAVID KUPKA, RENAISSANCE (CENTER FRONT).

in Minnesota and has gone on to receive his Master's Degree from Colorado State University. He is currently working on his Doctorate in Physics here at CSU and also works in the laser physics lab on campus. When asked about what becoming a Renaissance Brother meant to him; David replied, "It's great to be a part of this group

of men and I am honored that they would consider me to be their brother. I feel that throughout my time at Colorado Gamma I have gotten to know them and watched them grow as students and leaders in their community." Overall David's impact in our chapter will be felt for years to come, and we are extraordinarily proud to call him a SigEp.

2013 Carlson Leadership Academy Inspires Chapter

From February 15th through February 17th the 2013 chapter executive board, along with two future leaders of Colorado Gamma, attended the annual Carlson Leadership Academy in Santa Clara, California. During this conference there was a major focus on risk management, recruitment and chapter involvement. Yusuf Yilmaz, '15, and Steve Grant, '16, were the up and coming members asked to attend CLA.

Yusuf shadowed VP of Membership Development, Tyler Nichols, '14,

throughout the weekend. When asked his greatest takeaways from CLA, Yusuf described how he was surprised at the amount of support and tools available from brothers around the nation, and now feels more confident on his ability to follow through on his goals.

Steve Grant has an intense passion for recruitment and this was his primary focus

throughout the conference. He also stated that he was not aware of the Ruck leadership conference until attending CLA and plans to apply and attend Ruck.

Every member that attended CLA this year developed personal and specific goals for their position, but the main focus for the executive board as a whole following the

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conference is chapter involvement and enthusiasm. We feel that enabling every member of the chapter to lead tasks and have a purpose within Colorado Gamma will lead to a more successful fraternity.

During the awards ceremony, CSU SigEp received the manpower excellence award, meaning that we were the largest house on campus at the time of judging. All members in attendance left Santa Clara feeling truly inspired and anxious to tackle to the forthcoming semesters.



LEFT TO RIGHT: JOSH HODNICHAK, CASE WESTERN '10, PAST CHAPTER SERVICES DIRECTOR – WEST; HAYDEN RICE, '14, VP OF COMMUNICATIONS; QUINN BOOTH, '14, PRESIDENT; ALEX BOLTON, '13, VP OF RECRUITMENT; CALLAN MCGARY, '15, PROGRAMMING TRACK; STEVE GRANT, '16, RECRUITMENT TRACK; YUSUF YILMAZ, '15, MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRACK; TYLER LARSON, '14, CHAPLAIN; RYAN HARRISON, '14, VP OF FINANCE; TYLER NICHOLS, '14, VP OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

2012 was another successful year for the Chapter and House Corporation financially as revenues increased and disciplined cost management continued. The House Corporation made a major re-investment in the facility of rent collected last year with the installation of a premium study space in the basement, as featured in the Spring 2012 *Spear* newsletter, but still returned a healthy increase to reserves to support strategic facility needs.

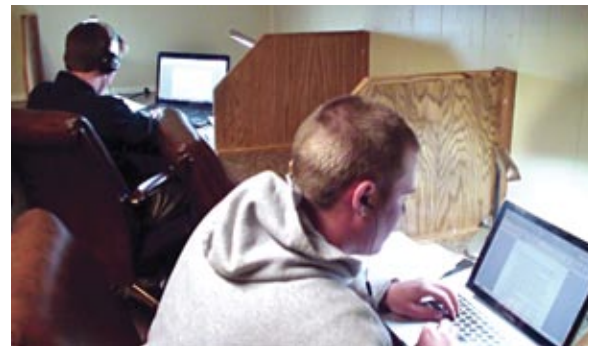
The Chapter enjoyed a significant increase in revenue with a 10 year high number of brothers living in the chapter house, providing extra discretionary income for programming, brotherhood, and social events while paying all obligations to vendors and rent to the House Corp and delivering a bad debt ratio below 1%.

Strong financial discipline of the Chapter and House Corp in 2012 continued to positively support CSU SigEp's mission and operations and prepare us for the future needs of the Chapter and 121 East Lake.

Alumni, undergrads, parents, and friends are always welcome to inquire or request full financial reports at <http://CSUSigEp.org/contactus>.

Regards,

BRYAN A. HARMSEN, '01
Chairman, Board of Directors
Red Door House Corporation (RDHC)



Financial Statement Summaries

P&L Summary

	Chapter	House Corp & AVC
	2012	2012
Total Revenue	\$343,343	\$70,000
Total Expenses	322,713	51,294
Net Operating Income	20,629	18,706
Net Other Income / Expenses	5,984	12,889
Net Income	26,613	31,595

Balance Sheet Summary

	12/31/12	12/31/12
Total Current Assets	123,310	356,563
Change since 12/31/11	+38,817	+39,317
Fixed Assets	0	25,500
Total Liabilities	23,534	0



Undergraduate Chapter Officers

LEFT TO RIGHT: VP OF RECRUITMENT ALEX BOLTON, '13, VP OF FINANCE RYAN HARRISON, '14, VP OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TYLER NICHOLS, '14, PRESIDENT QUINN BOOTH, '14, CHAPLAIN TYLER LARSON, '14, VP OF PROGRAMMING TRIPP LESTER, '13, VP OF COMMUNICATIONS HAYDEN RICE, '14.

Mike Williams: A Brother Abroad

For this edition of *The Spear*, we were pleased to have the opportunity to interview a rather exemplary alumnus, Mike Williams, '10. Mike joined SigEp his sophomore year after transferring from Boise State, and served as V.P. of Brotherhood Development, and later president of the chapter. Williams has already completed two deployments with the Navy since joining in March 2010 and is currently deployed on the USS GREEN BAY. The following interview explores how SigEp has impacted his career in the Navy, and his current whereabouts.

WILLIAMS



What did your time at SigEp teach you about leadership?

My time in SigEp was crucial in developing my leadership skills, specifically while serving on the executive board. I served as vice president of member development and Chapter President; both very challenging and rewarding experiences. Serving as Chapter President was awesome because I had to manage exec. and a house of 70 plus members (however outstand-

ing exec. boards provided significant support). Serving as president taught me humility and the importance of learning to work and deal with other people to execute the job effectively and efficiently, all while pleasing the majority. That experience alone has transferred to my career in the Navy and has set me apart from many of my junior officer peers. My experience is that involvement with CO Gamma will position anyone for success in any industry, especially the military.

How did you transfer those skills to your work in the Navy and what made you decide to go through OCS?

Deciding to go to Naval Officer Candidate School was an easy choice for me; I didn't want to go to grad school or law school right away. Also, I believe it is important to serve the public in any capacity (such as the various community service projects SigEp promotes and participates in). Therefore I would serve my country and use my military experience to open doors for future prospects.

Being a brother of SigEp and participating in

its various brotherhoods and activities prepared me for officer candidate school, unlike the many other college graduates or young professionals enrolled. Teamwork was obviously crucial in OCS; SigEp taught me effective teamwork. Leadership is a must if you want to be a military officer; SigEp taught me leadership. Service to others and humility is a must while in the military; SigEp taught me humility. Finally, self-respect and humor will only set you apart and make you an exceptional military officer; again, SigEp taught self-respect and provided the greatest outlet for humor to date.

What ship are you serving aboard and what is your current job?

I am the Training officer on the USS Green Bay (LPD-20). This is my second tour as a division officer; I've been in the military since March 2010. My first tour was on the USS Gridley (DDG-101)—I was the ship's first lieutenant.

What has been the most rewarding part of your service in the Navy?

In my short career thus far, I've completed two deployments (with a combined time at sea of over 14 months) and have participated in many Navy exercises. I've traveled the world—visiting over 15 countries, have made awesome friends, and get to live in San Diego by the beach. Overall, this job provides adventure, exceptional challenges, and great career development opportunities.

New Member Profiles

(Left to right)

SAM ADAMS

Hometown: Centennial, CO

Major: Business

GPA: 3.70

High School Athletics: Varsity golf

Hobbies: Golf

LOGAN HARDY

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Major: Business

GPA: 3.70

High School Athletics: Varsity soccer and baseball

Hobbies: Passionate Dallas Cowboys fan, avid skier and snowboarder

WILLIAM BAUSMITH

Hometown: Cincinnati, OH

Major: Hospitality Management

GPA: 3.30

High School Athletics: Varsity football and lacrosse

Hobbies: Hiking, fishing, boating, traveling

CODY SMITH

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Major: Business/Natural Resources

GPA: 3.50

High School Athletics: Varsity hockey and lacrosse

Hobbies: Mountain biking and fishing



SAM ADAMS, '16, LOGAN HARDY, WILLIAM BAUSMITH, '16, AND CODY SMITH

COLORADO GAMMA ALUMNI TAILGATE

CSU SigEp's annual alumni tailgate will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2013, prior to the CSU Vs. Cal Poly football game. We would like

to make this year's alumni tailgate something special, and we need your help. If you plan to attend, reach out to other

brothers from your era and encourage them make the trip. Check back on our website (csusigep.org), FaceBook (facebook.com/csusigep), and Twitter ([@CSUSigEp](https://twitter.com/CSUSigEp)) for more details as the event approaches. If you have any questions, requests, or ideas for the weekend, contact Hayden Rice at hrrice@rams.colostate.edu. Our goal is to set record alumni attendance for a tailgate. We look forward to seeing you all there!



2013 SPECAT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2013 SPECAT golf tournament will be held at the Hyland Hills Golf Course in Westminster, CO, on Friday, August 30th at 12PM. The cost is \$110, which includes a round of golf, lunch, and dinner. Checks can be made out to **Michael Pappas, '77**, and mailed directly to his residence at 3535 S. Hillcrest Dr. Denver, CO 80237. This event takes place the day before the Rocky Mountain Showdown, which presents the opportunity to get in a great round of golf and support your Colorado State Rams as they defeat the Buffs on Saturday. We hope to see you all there!



A Note from House Mother Rita Williams

To everyone who has supported me following Jon's passing, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and support continue to be a great comfort at this difficult time. It's during times like this that we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Many thanks to my extended family.

~ RITA WILLIAMS



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