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Spring 2015

Cash Needed by May 3rd to Secure June Construction Start Alumni Support Essential Now More Than Ever

We have navigated a lot of difficult challenges and have *nearly* everything in place to make the vision of our renovated 121 E Lake home a reality. 2015 will be an exciting year with the start of construction planned for June and the Centennial Homecoming celebration in October.

Our most heartfelt thanks to the 139 brothers who have committed pledges and gifts to put us in the great position we are in—we are so close to starting construction. The 1960s brothers are leading the way with 50 brothers committing \$285,000 to the project.

It says a lot about how meaningful the SigEp experience is that so many brothers want to give back, so future Rams have the same opportunity to learn and grow as SigEps.

As close as we are, we need support from the other 1,400 brothers to wrap up the campaign and push us over the top. We have an urgent need for gifts/pledges by May 3rd in order to close our financing with FirstBank of Northern Colorado. It is truly now or never on closing the loan and starting construction in the narrow one year window we have to complete the renovation. We are working with three student organizations to finalize a lease for 121 E

Lake after construction, before the SigEp chapter returns in 2018.

If you have not already joined the effort, please consider sending a gift/pledge in today with the enclosed pledge form or submit a gift online at www.CSUSigEp.org/online-giving.

Participation is the key—if everyone contributes to the best of their ability, we'll achieve our goal!

Your Era Leader is available to share their personal story about why they are supporting the renovation and the future of SigEp at CSU is important to them. Send a note to campaign@csusigep.org if you would like to connect with your Era Leader.

Era	Era Leader	Total Alumni	Donors	Total
1940s & 1950s	Willie Walker, '49	144	13	\$23,000
1960s	John Clark, '65	283	50	\$285,000
1970s	Jim Benemann, '78	193	29	\$185,000
1980s	Dan Reagan, '82	341	23	\$158,330
1990s	Tony Mauro, '99	347	8	\$187,000
2000s	Bryan Harmsen, '01	273	13	\$64,730
N/A	Anonymous Donors		3	\$275,000
Total		1,581	139	\$1,180,000

Please consider taking action now to support this important project, and register for the Centennial Homecoming event to celebrate with us and see firsthand the impact your gift has made.

Al Hornung, '61
Campaign Director

1,581 Alumni by the Numbers

- We need **another 263** brothers to support the campaign and renovation effort.
- If at least **60** new brothers support the campaign by May 3rd, we will have the funds on hand to close our loan and begin construction.
- Pledges or gifts of **\$1,000** or more will be recognized in all publications.
- Pledges or gifts of **\$2,500** or more will include your name in the tribute wall inside the renovated 121 E Lake Street SigEp House.
- Pledges can be spread out over **five** years.
- You can help keep the Alumni strong and maintain this historic property that is a landmark in many of our lives.



Join your brothers across the decades in Fort Collins, CO for our

CSU SigEp Centennial Homecoming • October 16 – 18, 2015

Celebrating the balanced men of SigEp CO Gamma. Honoring our history and preparing for our future.

Centennial Alumni Awards Dinner in the Marriott Pavilion Event Space.

Continental breakfast and construction tours of 121 E Lake.

Tailgate party at Hughes Stadium before Air Force football game.

Memories to last another 100 years

Register now at www.CSUSigEp.org/centennial or contact communications@csusigep.org for more information.

Thank you:

139 brothers have made gifts and pledges totaling \$1.18M

Brothers who have given or pledged \$1,000 or more are listed below.* We are very grateful to all alumni and friends supporting the project.

1915 Founder's Society

(\$250,000 and above)

Anonymous brother

Golden Heart Society

(\$100,000 to \$249,000)

121 Society

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Gary B. Halley, '60

In honor of CSU College of Business and Veterans and Pioneers of America

Brett and Don Rutledge, '61

Trevor E. Armstrong, '99

Chad M. Ellington, '99

Red Door Society

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

John W. Clark, '65

J. Tim Biddle, '73

Richard G. Long, '79

Colin Thompson, '79

Tommy Atkins, '80

Cory Thompson, '82

Breck K. Vassios, '87

Stefan L. Wenger, '95

Michael L. Jensen, '96

Andrew P. Odenbach, '96

Bryan A. Harmsen, '01

Anonymous brother

Sword & Heart Society

(\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Dale F. Dodrill, '52

Richard Jagoda, '60

(Estate Gift)

Albert M. Hornung, '61

James B. Benemann, '78

Mitchell S. Christ, '79

Brad D. Brady, '80

Brotherly Love Club

(\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Robert L. Warner, '58

Robert I. Frey, '65

Norman G. Warner, '65

Roger A. Williamson, '66

Jerre W. Dixon, '67

Donald R. Larrick, '75

In memory of Louise G. Larrick

Tom Livingston, '79

Daniel S. Reagan, '82

Milton Karavites, '85

Anthony M. Mauro, '99

Virtue & Diligence Club

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Robert Allen, '58

Kent Davis, '59

Paul F. Budin, '60

Henry Rice, '60

Jim Berkes, '62

Wesley Segelke, '62

Larry Grauberger, '65

In memory of Garry Saylor, '58

Edward Zorn, '69

Curt Barnett, '72

Brad Bischoff, '73

Mike B. DeChadenedes, '74

Bere S. Neas, '76

Don Morgan, '77

Richard Pilgrim, '77

David Beck, '78

Peter Leonard, '78

Brian M. Cuje, '80

Mike Carter, '82

Clark D. Johnson, '83

Darin L. Layman, '83

Ken W. McLagan, '83

Chris Johnson, '84

Brian Donovan, '85

Chris Lonigro, '02

Mike Flemming, '02

Mark Sloan, '04

Flower Dance Club

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Archie Lind, '64

Terry Scoby, '69

David R. Madden, '79

David R. Willhite, '80

T.J. Gordon, '87

Balanced Man Club

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Willard L. Walker, '49

In memory of Warren Breniman, '49

Donald H. Hoch, '50

William McBride, '50

Eugene A. Miller, '51

J. Marvin Willhite, '52

Chuck Simon, '54

Fred Woll, '56

Fred Kupilik, '56

Paul Jennings, '58

Harold (H.T.) Kinney, '58

In memory of Darrell Hatcher, '58

Victor Weed, '58

Darryl Williams, '60

Diane and Jim Hindman, '61

In memory of John P. Tromly, '61

Palamon Hornung, '61

Joseph P. Marcus, '61

Victor Bird, '62

Susan and Roger Brandt, '62

Randolph McMurry, '62

Bruce W. Bergstrom, '63

Brian Etheridge, '63

James Gleason, '64

Gregory D. Hammill, '64

Robert R. Shanks, '64

Richard D. Curnow, '65

Bill Smith, '65

Bruce W. Clough, '66

In memory of Larry and Marge Clough

Ron Zastrow, '67

Jack Welch, '67

Doug Nutt, '68

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. L. N. Corson

Carlton Smith, '73

Robert Welanetz, '75

William Chapman, '76

Willie Burgess III, '77

Gilbert Gehle, '78

Mark Hoven, '78

Jeffrey L. Croll, '79

Troy Giesler, '79

Brian Croll, '82

Terry McKellips, '85

Bill Swint, '87

In memory of Steve Elsen, '87

John Hughes, '88

Drew Lang, '90

In memory of Matthew P. Barger, '92

Todd M. Lang, '92

In memory of Greg J. Liptak, '93

Dan Foote, '01

Ross A. Hendrix, '07

Neil Thompson, '09

Ryan Garthright, '10

Karl R. Weber, '11

Elliott A. Tucker, '13

Quinn B. Booth, '14



L to R: James Stuart '11, House Mom Rita Williams, Bijah Gibson '11 in Old Town Fort Collins.

Catching up with House Mom Rita

2014 was a year of ups and downs for me. I am currently working as House Mom and Cook at the Colorado State Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Chapter. I enjoy being back in the kitchen cooking—I really missed it. I grew up on a farm in Iowa so the agricultural focus is really interesting. It is amazing how some things have changed and yet some stay the same. I see the strong farm work ethic in the men I work with and it's refreshing after working in the retail world after the SigEp chapter closed at the end of 2013. I am amazed at the advances in farm equipment. I attended my first Colorado Machinery Show this spring. It was very eye opening.

I am trying my hand at photography and I am always on the lookout for the bald eagles that winter in northern Colorado. I enjoy driving up to Rocky Mountain National Park and photographing the elk but would love to get a picture of a moose.

I have started selling self-defense products for women. I felt the young women at CSU needed to be informed and protected. The line is called Damsel in Defense and is done as a party similar to Tupperware or Pampered Chef. Check out my website at www.mydamselpro.net/pro_7384.

Jamie has moved to Denver and is working at DU. I am learning to make my way around Denver as long as I don't go during rush hour. I always enjoy seeing SigEp alumni. I had dinner with Bijah Gibson and his wife Kirsten, out from Charlotte, as well as James Stuart from Colorado Springs. It was great to catch up on their lives.

If you are in Fort Collins, give me a call. I'd love to catch up.

* Contributors as of 4/4/2015

SigEp leads Ryan Garthright '10 to career path

Tell us about your career. What do you do for a living?

I make people's weekends awesome. I do this by putting on large scale fun events across the US.

What led you to this career?

A SigEp was looking for volunteers for an event while I was living in Wisconsin. I loved the style of work and was asked to tour with the event. I later found out the owner of the company is a SigEp from Western Michigan.

Did your SigEp experience prepare you in any way for this career?

Yes. As an undergrad I was VP recruitment and in charge of the Balanced Man Scholarship, both of which centered around events and coordinating a lot of moving parts.

Would you share some career successes or recognition with us?

I oversee the largest women's-only event on the planet, The Dirty Girl Mud Run. I also coordinated the largest "electric slide" dance in Texas, with over 13,000 people; I'd say that tops the list!

How about family news?

I'm an uncle now and about to be one for a second time, as my other sister is expecting.

Why did you join Sigma Phi Epsilon?

I joined second semester freshman year. My first semester, I had a good time socially while getting very involved on campus and taking care of academics. However I knew there had to be more which is when I started looking into Greek Life. SigEp became the core of my college experience.

What is your favorite memory from your time in the chapter?

Weekend meals after a function where dozens of brothers would joke about the highlights for hours on end.

What do you think about the 121 E Lake renovation plans?

I'm looking forward to the update to 121.



Ryan Garthright '10 (center) and Jonathan McBride Wyoming '10 (left) with friends at Mt Everest in 2014

For SigEp to provide the best undergraduate experience, we need to have a multi-use housing option that students and faculty see as a positive addition.

Why did you choose to support the campaign?

I want to see SigEp as the top student organization at CSU. I want the members to be on another tier when they graduate because of the experience with SigEp. For these to happen, a top-of-the-line housing option is required.

Mike Williams '10 draws ties between Navy and SigEp

Tell us a bit about your military background?

After graduating from CSU, I went to Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, and upon graduation was commissioned as a naval officer on June 18, 2010. My first assignment was First Lieutenant on the USS Gridley, an Aegis Destroyer stationed in San Diego. I served on the USS Gridley for three years and earned two Sea Service Deployment ribbons—primarily supporting Seventh Fleet and Fifth Fleet operations.

My second tour was with the USS Green Bay, an amphibious platform which supports US Marine Corps operations. I was the training officer and completed a deployment with the USS Green Bay and facilitated the ship's training schedule while the ship was in the shipyards. Additionally, I was promoted to Lieutenant, O-3, while serving on the Green Bay and completed my service obligation in July of 2014.

What's the one story from your service you would tell your grandchildren?

There is one experience I will always remember and love sharing. When I was a LT j.g. on the USS Gridley, the Commanding Officer chose me to be his Officer of the Deck to get underway from Singapore and assist navigat-

ing the ship through the Straits of Malacca. To explain what the Straits of Malacca are like, imagine I-25, in wintry conditions, rush-hour traffic, and all cars are traveling at a minimum of 50 mph. However, instead of cars and on land, the Straits of Malacca are congested with huge merchant/cargo ships in the ocean. It is chaos and the busiest strait in the world.

The entire underway evolution takes several hours—my palms were sweating the entire time. It is these moments in a sailor's job where he utilizes all aspects of his training, performs at a varsity level, and ensures the ship and its entire crew travel safely and makes good time towards their next mission. I had an awesome team to assist me and the Commanding Officer and I maintained good communications throughout the detail. It ended up being one of the ship's best sea and anchor details, considering the elements we had to work with.

What's the relationship between your military service and SigEp experience, and how have they impacted your life?

I had a successful Navy experience because of my time in SigEp. The fraternity taught me best how to work and collaborate with peers effectively—which is important for any junior officer. Additionally, the fraternity is similarly structured like a ship's wardroom



Williams' former commanding officer and good friend were part of his LT promotion ceremony, replacing his shoulder boards with his new insignia.

(officer's mess). In a wardroom, a junior officer must have a strong relationship with his fellow sailors and senior officers in order to ensure his division has all the resources it needs to fulfill its mission.

Do you still keep up with any SigEp brothers?

Yes. I stay in contact, and meet up regularly, with brothers Eric Sutton, Andrew Dibala, James Stuart, Bijah Gibson, Cameron Acres, and many more.



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The 21st Annual SPECAT Golf Event

“The Decade Dual”

Friday, August 28th, 2015,
1:30 p.m. Shotgun

Broadlands Golf Club – Broomfield, CO

\$125 per player registered before
July 31, 2015. Includes green fees, carts,
prizes and a prime rib dinner.

Request registration information at
www.CSUSigEp.org/golf

Tournament organizers:
Larry Koblica, '68, and Tom Krause, '88

Limited to first (30) 4-person teams.
Late registration fee
\$140 per player.



Invite brothers from
the same decade and be
part of the **Decade Dual!**



The 54th Grand Chapter Conclave

August 12 - 15, 2015 • Nashville, Tennessee

Every two years, Sigma Phi Epsilon hosts the largest national gathering of its members across the nation, the Grand Chapter Conclave. As undergraduates and alumni celebrate their brotherhood, delegates consider new legislation and changes to its bylaws that will determine how the Fraternity operates.

Attendees participate in personal and professional development activities and honor those who have helped to make the Fraternity great by bestowing its most important undergraduate and alumni awards.

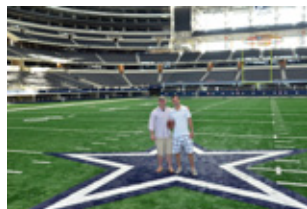
Register now at www.SigEp.org/conclave

Colorado Gamma alumni registered as of April 1st:

Al Hornung, '61, and Carla Hornung
Bryan Harmsen, '01, and Katie Weatherford



Conclave 2009 Orlando –
Brotherhood Luncheon



Conclave 2013 Dallas – Texas Stadium
Bryan Harmsen, '01, and Tony Mauro, '99



Conclave 2011 Phoenix – Balanced
Man Celebration with Muhammad Ali