

Newsletter

May 2016



Upcoming Events

July 23rd, 2016 - Family Day

October 1st, 2016 - Homecoming

November 5th, 2016 - Thanksgiving Dinner

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was held at the Embassy Suites on the North side of Indianapolis. The meeting was the only thing that transpired this weekend. Due to the restructuring of the active chapter, formal was not held this year. Now, the rest of the details about the meeting from the new Association President, Zac Garner.

What a great meeting this last weekend. I would like to thank those of you who were able to make it. If you were not able to make it please try to make one of the great events we have planned over the next year.

I would like to welcome the new board:

VP – Curt Binder

VPF- Chad Smith

VPP – Travis Drake

VPM – Andy Clark

President – Zac Garner

I look forward to the year ahead with this dedicated group of Brothers.

We had our first board meeting conference call April 13th. It was productive and helped generate a good list of items we need to have ready by our next call.

This year the board has decided to focus on communication, recruitment and the active chapter.

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We committed to having at least one call a month. This will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you would like for us to discuss something please submit it to stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com. We will also be planning 2 open conference calls that all members will be welcome to join in on. Those dates will be coming in a few months.

Our tag line for the year is “Grow the Party, Add to the List, Bring a Brother with you” . We want to make sure we are here for the active chapter that needs our help. But, we also want to be here for you! Our membership. Travis is putting together a year long calendar of events. Our hope is to have all details (at least dates and locations) by our next meeting. Andy will be working with Travis to try and make sure we are using events as great recruitment/rush events for our membership, families and active chapter. Our next event is *Family Day* on July 23rd in Carmel.

Here is a note from your VP of Programs:
“*Family Day* will be a Rush Event for the Alumni Association this year. We would like to afford the opportunity for all past alumni to experience an Association event free of charge, so you can see for yourself why you should make an investment into the Association. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity, and bring your entire family to our *Family Day* on July 23rd. Our motto for this year is to grow”. Here is a link to get more information about family day. <http://sigmataugamma-deltatau.org/wp/?p=329>

If you have some suggestions you would like to provide to Drake or Andy please send it to stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com

Curt is working on the Newsletter. He is also still heading up the website www.sigmataugamma-deltatau.org. We will be posting all the dates of our calls and events on the website calendar. We encourage you check it out and make suggestions. If you have also forgot about your dues or want to donate to the capital campaign for recruitment you can pay them on the site. Curt will also be managing our social media accounts. If you have any articles/ suggestions/help you would like to offer Curt please send it to stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com.

Chad will be heading up the finance this year. He will have a working budget for us by the next call. We will share that with the membership once the board has approved it. If you would like to donate to the Phired Up capital campaign or pay your Dues you can do that on the www.sigmataugamma-deltatau.org site or you can email chad at stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com and he will let you know where to send a check.

You might have noticed that we keep repeating the stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com email address. We are trying to make all communication more uniform. This way you don't have to worry about random emails from board members' work or personal email accounts that you might not be familiar with. We also hope it makes it easier for you to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

I look forward to serving this board for the next 2 years. For those of you who could not make it to the meeting, I laid out a two year plan. If you would like to learn more about it please email me at stg... Well I'm sure you know by now where to email me at ha-ha-ha. I know I am not assured or guaranteed a spot on this board after this year so I plan to prove in this first year why it makes since for a second term.

There is a lot going on with the chapter and association this year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything please feel free to reach out to me.

Fraternally,
Zac Garner
Alumni Association President

Active Chapter Update

For those of you who are confused about the status of the active chapter and you missed the details at the annual meeting, the active chapter STILL EXISTS. It is undergoing a restructuring process with the Phired Up recruitment company.

Last fall, Headquarters met with the active chapter and interviewed every active brother to determine if they met the "Sig Tau" standards. After these interviews, the active chapter was left with 9 brothers. These guys started this semester off with Josh Orendi of Phired Up and they underwent a serious effort of rebuilding the Delta Tau chapter with quality brothers. This current group of 9 brothers is a very strong and committed to Sig Tau.

Starting the semester off, they had 85 potential prospects for recruitment. Of those 85, there were 34 guys they were actively recruiting/pursuing. After Initiation on April 29th, they ended up adding 3 guys to the chapter. This is a pretty decent effort considering our history of spring recruitment.

They did not just pursue anyone. They actually had standards for requirements to become a brother. These standards were discussed and agreed upon by Jordan, Braydon, Mike Van Camp, Zac Garner, Ben Miller, Chad Smith and Curt Binder. Here are the standards:

1. GPA minimum of 2.80 (which is the IFC average at ISU) High school or last semester of college.
2. Association fee due upon acceptance of Bid. (\$50) to be paid to OmegaFi directly.
3. Signed agreement that initiation fee (\$235 needs to be confirmed) is due by the end of the semester. Members with outstanding initiation fees will not be able to be an active part of the chapter till fee is paid. Agreement should also list what the expected dues per semester are. This should also include national fees and charges.
4. Omega account set up with social security number signed contracts, correct billing info.
5. Demonstrates an interest in serving on executive fraternity leadership boards. (E-board / J-Board / IFC board / Student Gov. ect.)
6. Involved within at least one other organization on or off-campus (I.E. Student Gov. , sports / athletics, Radio station, Junior Computer Genius, PHI Mu Alpha, JROTC, American Legion, 4-H, Jaycee's ect.)

The actives are off to a great start. Let them know it. Let's continue to show them that the alumni are behind them and supporting them in their efforts to keep Sigma Tau Gamma alive at Indiana State University.

Chapter Recruitment

We, the Association Board, feel that communication is important with the alumni. For those who did not make it to the annual meeting, this is the recruitment proposal that was presented by Zac Garner. It was voted on and passed by the Association.

Investment in recruitment for the future of the Delta Tau Chapter by Zac Garner

I am proposing that we allocate \$10,000 to a long term plan for recruitment, training, growth and development for the Delta Tau chapter at Indiana State University.

My vision/plan extends for 3 years. We are currently 4 months into the first year. It works alongside the HQ to build a chapter at Indiana State University that will have the correct foundation to last another 26. We will have benchmarks for achievement and guidance on if the plan is working. At the time a benchmark is not achieved it will be up to the current board of directors to make the call if we proceed with the plan.

Year one (2016): "The Draft!!"

Started the restructuring at 9 active members.
A partnership with Phired Up Inc. is contracted by the HQ. Cost \$10,900 plus recruitment membership fees of \$150. We have been asked to cover \$2500 of that fee. The alumni are also expected to be involved and offer motivation and support at events and calls with the chapter. Communication will be key during this rebuilding. The HQ and Alumni Association will be responsible for training and developing a chapter that understands the basic skills of running a chapter, setting up budgets, planning events, looking to the future and respecting the campus and community.

Benchmark for 2016: Double the chapter size. This means in December 2016 we have a chapter size of 18 men who are upholding the principles and following New Member expectations listed below. Also 75% current payments and 100% current association and initiation fees paid.

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SIG TAU FAMILY DAY



SATURDAY

JULY 23, 2016

11AM-2PM

WEST PARK, 2700 W 116TH ST, CARMEL, IN 46032

PLEASE BRING THE WHOLE CREW AND JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR ANNUAL FAMILY DAY!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL BE PROVIDING FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS ARE WELCOME.

West Park Activities

Splash Park (bring swimsuits & towels!)

Prairie Garden

Playgrounds

Walking Trails

Wetland Boardwalk

Wide open space for activities!



Please contact Travis Drake with any questions

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Year 2 (2017): “A Road to the Playoff’s”

Year two of a partnership with Phired Up Inc. Cost \$10,900. They will be responsible for chapter recruitment training and growth. They will also perform the on campus training as they did in 2016. The HQ and Alumni Association will continue the growth and training of chapter members on running a successful chapter. It would also be a goal to involve other successful chapters in the area to do joint retreats with. The HQ has committed to supporting this year of training, as long as the Alumni Association and members are committed to the chapter as well. They will ask for the same split as 2016 (\$2,500) but have also requested that the Alumni Association plan and support a joint, day retreat with the chapter on a team building course. I.E. Ropes course, problem solving camp ect.

Benchmark for 2017: A 40 man chapter that is living the principles of our fraternity. Involved in campus events and supporting the community. 75% of membership payments are to be current to OmegaFi and no active with a net 90 or longer AR statement. This is important because at 40 members, the new Sigma Tau Gamma Housing Company will support the idea of obtaining chapter housing. The chapter will need to prove the ability to stay current with standards, dues, insurance, and fees to be considered.

Year 3 (2018): “The Championship Team”

This year we will contract Phired up for onsite training for the Fall semester, (\$2,000). This will be a refresher for the chapter on the skills that have been shown over the last 2 years. Spring semester in 2018 will be done without the guidance of Phired Up and will be a good indicator for that new board on if more than one session is needed in the Fall. The benchmark for the end of 2018: Chapter size of 50+ members. New chapter housing. The foundation of a chapter that can support itself and be a value to the Sigma Tau Gamma origination, a value to the campus and the community of Indiana State University.

My personal goal, to be able to come down to Homecoming (yes I will miss a Notre Dame Game if needed) and not have to handle anything but having a good time. It is possible we just all have to fight for it.

Alumni Birthdays

March

Adam Hungate - 5
Brycen Joyce - 17
Jeff Scheumann - 21
Joe Tyquiengco - 24

April

Lew DiRuzza - 1
Adam Ziegler - 4
Bryan Sparks - 4
Blake Copley - 6
Chris Kunz - 8
Jim Hesterman - 12
Glenn Adams - 13
Josh Kersey - 14

May

Marcus Wills - 3
Trapper Murphy - 5
Phil Beachy - 24
Michael Wuestefeld - 31

Happy Birthday Brothers!

****** If you have a birthday in one of these months but are not listed, and would like to be, please contact me.

Programs in 2016

We have a number of events planned for 2016, and are gearing up for a (Shamu/Big Unit/Heavy B) sized 2017. I implore you as my fellow brothers, to see these events as opportunities to reconnect with your group of friends from college, and to introduce yourself with other brothers that may have come before or after you along the same trail. I encourage each of you, to commit yourself and/or your families to attend at least one of these events. Take the first step right now by marking it on your calendar and begin making your travel arrangements. I promise that you will not be disappointed.

Our next scheduled event is our Sig Tau *Family Day*. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at West Park in Carmel, IN. We will be treating this event as a Rush Event. Any former brother of Sigma Tau Gamma may attend this event, free of charge, to see what our alumni association is all about. We will be providing food and beverages (please bring your favorite picnic side dish). There will be several activities for the kids, which includes a splash park, playground, hiking trails, and more. Several brothers are planning on attending the Indianapolis Indians game that night, so you may want to plan on staying in the downtown Indianapolis area that night.

Homecoming 2016 will take place on Saturday, October 1st. Once again, we will have a Sig Tau Alumni Tent at Tent City on this day. You can stumble into the tent after the walk, or plan on coming through at your leisure. Our plan is to host an event with the active chapter on Friday night, September 30th. Brother Stuck is working on transportation (Sober Bus) from the Indianapolis area, so that brothers and their wives can return to Indy on Saturday night if they want. Homecoming for Indiana State and Rose-Hulman are on the same date, so hotels are not assigning blocks of rooms to organizations. Please secure your own accommodations sooner than later. The Hilton

Garden Inn Hotel and Candlewood Suites are located closest to campus. Their numbers are 812-234-8900 and 812-234-3400 respectively.

Finally, Brother Ben Hanson has agreed to host our Thanksgiving Dinner again this year. This event will take place on Saturday, November 5th starting in the late afternoon/early evening (more info to come). This event will be open to active/alumni brothers and their families. The association plans to cater the birds, but we ask that you would bring a Thanksgiving side for this event.

Brother Travis Drake
VP of Programs

Vice President's Corner

This year, we have a goal of improving communication with the membership. With that being said, there's a goal of getting out more frequent newsletters. We are shooting for every other month and possibly monthly. So that means we should get at minimum 6 newsletters. So I will be needing content. No matter how small or long, if it pertains to our Actives or Alumni, I want it for the newsletter. So send the info to me on Facebook or send me an email. My email address is: curt.binder@gmail.com

Curt Binder, DC
VP Delta Tau Alumni Association

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