

UPCOMING EVENTS

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ALUMNI PROFILE

How Would Your Life Be Different If You Hadn't Joined Sigma Nu?

Steven Bowden (GA # 1880) Shares His Answer

Steven Bowden (GA # 1880)

admits that his college experience might have been completely different had it not been for Sigma Nu. In fact, he may not have stayed at Georgia Tech at all if he hadn't joined. "Sigma Nu kept me at Georgia Tech. I have no doubt in my mind that I would have transferred to Clemson," he said, "It allowed me to make friendships that will last a lifetime. It truly is a brotherhood."

Steven added that his experience at Sigma Nu provided him with a family. "There was always someone to play golf with, play KV at the pool, play video games, whatever. It allowed me to get away from the difficulty of college life at Tech," he said.

Just like a real family, Steven said that his brothers at Sigma Nu were there to help him through the difficult times. "Someone was always there when times were tough," he said, "My dad lost his job when I was at Tech, so I felt the need to get a part time job so I didn't have to ask my parents for money. So many brothers were willing to help me find a job that fit with my schedule. Little things like that make a difference."

In addition to the valuable friendships he created with his brothers, Steven also attributes



some of his success in the professional world to Sigma Nu. "Sigma Nu gave me the confidence to seek out leadership roles. Not only in the fraternity but in the campus Greek community as well. The

experience developed my leadership skills to the point that I am able to utilize those skills in the business world today."

Steven currently works in construction and said that much of his work is about networking and seeking out new clients. He even compared networking events to Sigma Nu rush. "I actually liked rush and meeting the new kids and trying to convince them to come to Sigma Nu," he said.

Because of his job's emphasis on networking, his experience

as a Sigma Nu has transferred well into his professional role. "The people in my company who have contacts and a good network are the ones who tend to be more successful, and I feel that Sigma Nu allowed me to develop the people skills that make this part of my job easier and allow me to be more successful," he said.

How would your life be different if you hadn't joined Sigma Nu? Share your response with us by submitting an update on our website:

sigmanugt.com

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—Steven Bowden

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Your Donation Can Make A Large Impact

Our giving year is well underway, so we thought now would be a good time to look at our annual fund numbers and let you know how you can make them even higher. Our annual fund serves as a budget for us each year, and it helps us keep you connected with your fellow brothers, up to date on the latest events, and involved in helping us maintain our legacy. This year, our goal is to raise \$25,000, and we can't do it without your help. We have over 1,000 living alumni, and only 23 have made contributions this year. Any size donation will help us make an impact on current and future Sigma Nu members.

See below for more information about our current annual fund status and how you can make your gift.

Largest Gift Amount: \$1,000

Smallest Gift Amount: \$10

Average Gift Amount: \$182.01

Graduation Year Of Oldest Donor (And # Of Donors From That Year): 1943 (1)

Grad Year Of Youngest Donor (And # Of Donors From That Year): 2014 (2)

Graduating Class With The Most Donors: 1971 (9)

Number Of Living Alumni: 1,276

2015 Donors: 132

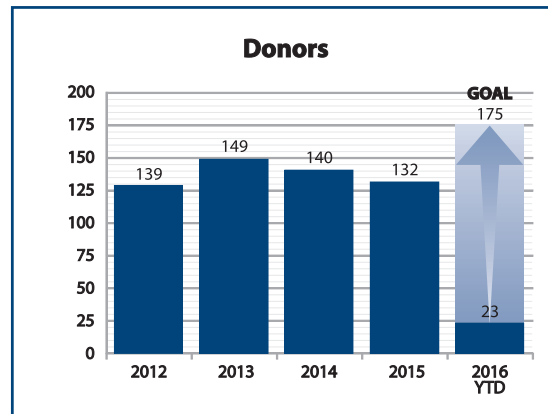
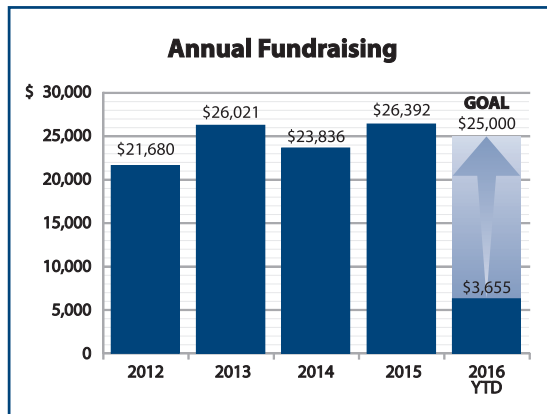
Number Of All-Time Annual Fund Donors: 401

2016 Donors To Date: 23

Goal: 175

There are three ways you can make your contribution:

1. Log on to www.sigmanugt.com
2. Call our hotline at 1 (800) 975-6699
3. Mail a check payable to "Sigma Nu Alumni Association" to the return address on this newsletter.



UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

Finding A Home at Sigma Nu

Danny Coughlin Says His Brothers Have Always Been There to Cheer Him on – Just Like Family

An athlete, engineer, and a worldly explorer. These are just some of the words you could use to describe Danny Coughlin. As a member of Sigma Nu, Danny has held multiple positions, while also juggling extracurricular activities, engineering coursework for his major, and playing for the Georgia Tech Lacrosse team.

He said that he joined Sigma Nu because, although he rushed some other fraternities, he always found himself coming back. "I felt at home at Sigma Nu, and I came to realize that I felt at ease here because of the people," he said.

Danny added that the group of guys at Sigma Nu are extremely diverse, but they share many characteristics that are similar.



"To this day, I am reminded that my Sigma Nu brothers are why I joined and why it will always feel like home," he said.

Danny even studied abroad with some of his Sigma Nu brothers in Lorraine, France the summer after his second year at school. "It

"Between my time at the house and on the field, I always feel proud to be part of Sigma Nu"

–Danny Coughlin

was an incredible experience. We were able to travel to 10 countries throughout Europe," he said.

Some of his favorite memories from the trip were when they backpacked through five cities on the Italian coast and watched the World Cup in Berlin.

Danny also plays Lacrosse for Georgia Tech, and he said that he has been lucky enough to play alongside some of his Sigma Nu brothers. The rest of the

brothers do a great job of showing support at the games. "We always have a large crowd of Sigma Nu brothers cheering us on during big games. Between my time at the house and on the field, I always feel proud to be part of Sigma Nu," he said.

ALUMNI MEMORIES

Brothers Are by Your Side during Life's Biggest Moments

From White Rose Pals to Groomsmen, These Sigma Nu Brothers Prove that Friendships Last a Lifetime

An alum from the '80s, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent us this great photo (as well as a few others) from Robert Miller's wedding in 1983 with some great stories from the wedding and a strong testament to the lifelong friendships formed at Sigma Nu--and how fraternity brothers are there by our side during life's biggest moments.

This anonymous alum (and no, it's not the groom) writes, "Though we're separated by many miles, lots of kids, and typical obstacles that life presents, I stay in regular contact with 8 or 10 of these brothers, and, more importantly, dwell on thoughts and memories of too many to count!"

"Spiritually, we're all still very much connected, and would be there for each other if ever a need arose," he added. "I'm humbled



Sigma Nu brothers gather for Robert Miller's wedding in 1983.



Brothers James Rembert, Gary Lewis, and Tim Cleary gather at the White Rose formal.

and very proud of my brother Sigma Nus, and love to share stories, especially with others that missed opportunities like we had or friends from other schools whose experiences just can't compare."

The anonymous alum also shared this picture of a White Rose formal of **James Rembert (GA #1497)**, **Gary Lewis (GA #1501)**, and **Tim Cleary (GA #1488)**. (The anonymous submitter of the photo is pictured here, narrowing down who sent in these classic shots and great stories).

He says, "The three of us in this White Rose remain very happily married to those three ladies we dated at Tech, continue to be close friends, and share many common threads, despite living in Atlanta, North Carolina and Tennessee respectively. In fact, two of our sons lived on the same floor as freshmen at Tech and didn't even know each other! My fraternity brother's son helped my son get an interview for work after graduation, and even introduced my son to his new wife!"

Sigma Nu friendships truly do last a lifetime, and we know that our fraternity brothers will always be there for life's biggest moments and for the time in between. Share your stories of how you are maintaining the lifelong connection with brothers from your era in the Alumni Updates section of our website:

sigmanugt.com

ALUMNI UPDATES

Alumni Reflect on How Their Lives Might Be Different Had They Not Joined Sigma Nu

Thomas Hallyburton '57

(1342 Heller Drive, Yardley, PA; steelco2@gmail.com) "When I joined Sigma Nu in 1951, I was a homesick kid for my family in Tennessee. When the brothers returned in the fall, I found a great group of veterans and youngsters that welcomed a young kid into a special fraternal friendship that lasted all my life. One older brother took me under his wing and became my best friend. On Thanksgiving, he invited me to visit his home in NY. Having never been north of the Mason Dixon line, I was ready. The first morning we slept late, and when I sat up in bed, the door opened and there stood the most beautiful girl I had ever seen. My friend and I double dated that night. I returned to Atlanta and told my dad I had met the girl I would marry, and that I did. Now, 63 years later, I am still with my love. We have 4 wonderful children, 8 beautiful grandchildren, and a beautiful home. All due to Sigma Nu. Four great years of fellowship and a wonderful life."

James Felte '63

(114 Clear Cove Court, Lenoir City, TN; jfelte@charter.net) "I may have died in Vietnam instead of pursuing a solid professional engineering management career that enabled me to marry and raise an outstanding family that are excellent catalyst to their communities and their professions."

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Shawn Spencer '10

(100 Roanoke Ave NE, Atlanta GA; therealshawns Spencer@gmail.com) Shawn used to be a member of a band, called Seven Handle Circus, which was formed by several Sigma Nu brothers while he was in college. "We toured for several years and released a couple albums, but decided to call it quits in August of 2015. Several of the guys decided to move on to different endeavors," he said.



Since then, Shawn has been working on a new project, called the Shawn Spencer Band. "We are starting to tour and beginning to work on a record with Grammy-winning producer Billy Hume," he said.

He has also been working on a mobile and web app called Metabutton. "It will be a social

follow button aggregator that lets users follow brands on all of their social platforms from one screen," he said.

Shawn has been pretty successful in achieving his goals, regardless of what it takes. To his fellow Sigma Nus, he says, "Don't forget to follow your dreams and never settle!"



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FROM THE ARCHIVES



Can You Caption This Photo?

We found this photo in Georgia Tech's 1983 yearbook with the caption "The Sigma Nu wreck cruises down Fowler Street." Can you help us find out more about it? If you have any information about this photo, please share it with us by submitting an update at sigmanugt.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

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George Smith '63

(1514 Brookridge Drive, Woodstock, GA; gsmith@bellshoth.net) "I learned the Creed as a Pledge to Gamma Alpha Chapter in 1959. I left Georgia Tech without being initiated and entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The values of Sigma Nu are congruent with the values of West Point: "Duty, Honor, and Country." Because I went on to live the motto of West Point, I also followed a path of Love, Honor and Truth. So much so, that I was finally initiated into the fraternity and chapter at the age of 72. I still believe in serving my

fellow man, being honest, and seeking truth while providing leadership to organizations and family."

Ryan Curry '01

(2263 Vinings Cove S.E., Smyrna, GA; curry1809@hotmail.com) "I grew up in Massachusetts and came to Atlanta to go to Georgia Tech. If it wasn't for Sigma Nu, it is likely that I would have left my freshman year. As a result, I never would have met **Justin Grinder**, who pledged the following year and would one day introduce me to my future wife, with whom I now have two wonderful children."

Joseph Rizzo '06

(825 Waddington Court, Atlanta, GA; rizz67@gmail.com) "I would probably be a lot less fortunate if I hadn't joined. My first job was because of an internship that a fellow brother was also interning at. Changed everything."

Kevin Gilli '11

(186 Ashland Ave, Saint Paul, MN; gilli.kevin@gmail.com) "If it hadn't been for Sigma Nu, I would probably have a lot fewer friends, and I would not have had as many incredible experiences and memories in college. I also think I would be lacking in well rounded, worldly knowledge. As far as an update, as each year passes, I can grow more hair on my face!"