

VISION AND MISSION

Vision

The fundamental purpose of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is the cultivation, maintenance and promotion of the core values of Friendship, Justice and Learning.

Mission

In the pursuit of these high ideals, the Sigma Chi Fraternity is able to offer tremendous value in augmenting the collegiate experience and supporting the lifelong journey of each of its members. We hope to assist brothers in becoming men of character, caring husbands, compassionate fathers and community leaders.

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UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER UPDATE

It's Been a Great Spring Semester!

The Gamma Xi Chapter is pleased with the success of our spring semester. In March we initiated six new brothers; **Corban Boyd, Jared Henderson, Dalton Renteria, Marvin Vinluan, Steven Wilvers, and Bryce True**. We have also been proud of our Brothers who are serving as officers on the Interfraternity Council: **Seth Jones**, VP of Education; **Davis Eskam**, VP of Finance; and **Dylan Miller**, VP of Programming. These Brothers have done an excellent job in developing the future of fraternity life on campus. With student government elections coming to an end, we will continue to have a voice in the legislative body with Brother **Ryan Brooks**, being elected to represent the College of Arts and Sciences. We are excited for the opportunities that many Brothers will have this coming summer, including **Matthew Bartholomew** and **Brenden Runion**. They will be attending the Horizons Leadership Summit, where they will further develop their leadership abilities with Sigma Chi's from across the country.

Gamma Xi is proud with the success of our recent Derby Days, where we were able to raise \$2,443, bringing our yearly total to over \$3,600 donated to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. While we are excited about the success of our philanthropic efforts, we are already preparing to increase our efforts for next year.

In preparation for next year, the Chapter has placed its trust in its new Executive Committee. **Nolan Major**, Consul; **Brenden Runion**, Pro-Consul; **Colton Edwards**, Annotator; Quaestor, **Jordan Ditty-Suggs**; Magister, **Jorge Esmieu**; Recruitment Chair, **James Dunagan**; Risk Manager, **Jamie Smith**; and Scholarship Chair, **Seth Jones**. The Chapter is confident in their abilities and are looking forward to what they will accomplish.

As the year ends, we are proud of the work our graduating Brothers have done. On May 18th **Andrew Ban, Alex Bjornestad, Brad Cook, Blair Mothersbaugh, Connor Bergman, and John Westenhoff** will be graduating. We are especially proud of Brother **John Westenhoff** was awarded the Province Balfour Award as the outstanding graduate for our province.

We will be sending eight Brothers to the new Krach Transformational Leadership Workshop where they will both learn how to be as successful as possible in their position and begin working on a strategic plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Overall, we all feel like this year has been very successful and while we prepare for finals we are also looking forward to next year!

INTRODUCING THE SPRING 2019 PLEDGE CLASS OF THE GAMMA XI CHAPTER!!



For these new pledges, becoming a brother of Sigma Chi will open many doors.

They will have immediate opportunities to become a leader on campus, contribute to the community, and take advantage

of scholarship found only at Sigma Chi. We encourage our members to be leaders in whatever they specialize in. Our members are actively involved in Student Government, Intramural Sports, and various honoraries. Sigma Chi also contributes countless hours of service each year to the local and campus community. Sigma Chi can offer these pledges the total college experience. Welcome to them!

SIGMA CHI – A BOND UNBROKEN

Thoughts on Why We Give

“When I meet a Brother, unseen or without contact over many years, the connection is still felt.”

Have you ever asked yourself why you give to Sigma Chi at UW? If the statistics are correct, only ONE in TEN fraternity members is likely to give back to their Chapter once they put on their brown and gold cap and gown.

There are lots of good reasons to give back to Sigma Chi, of course. Do you believe in affording the next generation of young men the same experience you had with Sigma Chi? Maybe you met your wife at a party or maybe you got a great job through your connections with other Brothers or past Alumni. Regardless of the details, we all learned things about ourselves and took with us a sense of belonging and Brotherhood from our time with Sigma Chi at UW.

With everything happening in the Greek world at universities across the country we need alumni support more than ever. We wanted to find out why our members decide to donate so we surveyed them and asked what moves them to give and keep giving each year. Here are some of the responses:

“ I thoroughly enjoyed my college years spent as a member of Sigma Chi and continue many of my friendships made as a direct result of that membership.

When I meet a Brother, unseen or without contact over many years, the connection is still felt.”



“ I have never forgotten my experiences at University of Wyoming with Sigma Chi and the personal growth it provided for me through the Brotherhood and the traditions of Sigma Chi. It’s something that will remain with me for the rest of my life and supporting the Annual Fund is a small token of my appreciation. I look forward to continuing the legacy and sharing this experience with my two sons.”



“ The pride, fellowship and bonding that results from belonging to such a fine organization are attributes that remain with you for the rest of your life. The team work



spirit that is developed for the betterment of the organization is not something that would have been developed living in a dorm or an apartment. The combined experiences are a part of what build your character. Our young men should have the same opportunities.”

“ Sigma Chi make a dramatic impact on my life as a 17-year-old freshman. More



surprisingly, is the continued presence and benefit in my life today. My most enduring friendships are those I formed through Sigma Chi. I support the Annual Fund because I want to ensure that the sons of my friends who attend University of Wyoming in the coming years get the same opportunity to experience all that being a Sigma Chi has to offer. I benefit from being a Sigma Chi every day and I am happy to try to give back part of all the Sigma Chi has given me.”



Is there a lesson to be learned in these responses? Certainly, a common theme is the connection that remains undimmed by time or distance; a bond unbroken.



Scholarships

GAMMA XI SCHOLARSHIPS EXCEL!

by Danny Nelson, '69, Scholarship Administrator

Thirty-seven **Patterson Scholarships** were awarded during the past two semesters from the Patterson Trust for Academic Excellence maintained by the Sigma Chi Foundation. Now in its 18th year, approximately 680 Gamma Xi Sigs have received the monetary stipends based on maintaining a 3.0 GPA or achieving a 3.0 for that semester. The awards are made twice year, based on each semester’s grades. This significant legacy was established by the late Paul S. and Beulah Patterson. A representative at the Sigma Chi Foundation has related to me in our discussions that the UW Gamma Xi scholarship program is one of the top funded ones of our 240+ chapters. Gamma Xi pride and perhaps a fact new to all of us.

Additionally, the **Ward Family Sigma Chi Scholarships** are given each semester to brothers who achieve a minimum 3.0 for that semester and are from states east of the Mississippi. The scholarships

were established by the late Dixie Ward whose husband, Orland, sons Tex and Rick, and grandson Matt are Sigma Chis. Twenty-nine Ward Family Scholarships were awarded during this same two-semester period. Since the initial awards, some 97 awards have been made. Since the corpus of the fund was made during the State of Wyoming matching certain qualifying gifts, the original amount of the gift was initially doubled.

Also, the **Rudy Unguren Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to the graduating senior who has the most improved GPA since his first semester, freshman year. This year the award was split between **Connor Bergman** and **John Westenhoff**. The scholarship was established in '19 to honor Rudy, a Gamma Xi Sig, by his parents, John and MaryLou Unguren.

HONOR ROLL

This Honor Roll reflects gifts made to the Annual Fund since July 1st. Within each Giving Club, donors are organized by Graduation Year and not gift amount. Thank you to all of our donors for their ongoing generosity.

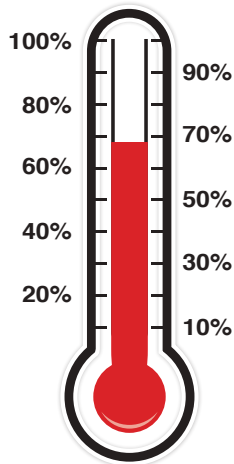
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WE'RE SO CLOSE TO MAKING OUR GOAL — WON'T YOU HELP?

GOAL: \$12,000



Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on July 1, is entering the final quarter with \$8,130.00 collected from 30 brothers. We want to thank those 30 brothers (you can find them above and under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Gamma Xi so far this giving year!

Our 2018-19 giving year goal was for \$12,000.00. Last year only 42 out of 1,242 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift.

We still have the potential to meet our goal—but we need your *immediate* help. **Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?**

Giving Online is Easy!

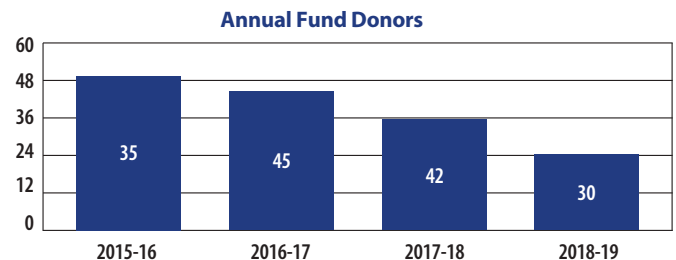
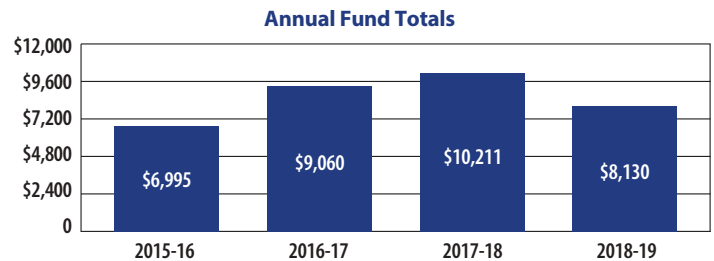
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"The brotherhood I experienced at Sigma Chi has been long-lasting and I think that is worth supporting for others to experience."

Our college days came and went, but the real Gamma Xi experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**

"The more resources Gamma Xi has, the stronger the chapter will be. It's that direct."



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LOCAL ALUMNI CLUB MEETS

For those who still live close to our dear Alma Mater, we recently held our first meeting of the local Alumni Club. Alumni and active chapter members met for dinner and few beverages and shared some good stories.

If you are interested in being part of the Alumni Club and/or would like to be notified of any upcoming events, please reach out to **Pat Owen** (powen@uwyo.edu), **Chance Price** (cprice6@uwyo.edu), or **Andrew Potter** (apotter4@uwyo.edu).



DO YOU REMEMBER ... ?

1969 Fraternity Football Championship

Here's a flashback to 1969 when Sigma Chi won the Fraternity Football Championship three years in a row!

COWBOY SIGS ARE WINNERS

Brothers Shine in Altria Case Competition

Congratulations to members of Sigma Chi who participated in the Altria Case Competition earlier this month and received 1st place and the best Greek Team award!

In this competition, teams were able to hone in their business skills by acting as business consultants and deciding on an action plan for a company to pursue.

