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GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY * FALL 2019

Sigma Chi Rising

Gamma Upsilon Continues Success, Earns Peterson Significant Chapter Award

As alumni of Gamma Upsilon, you are perfectly aware of the strong tradition that our chapter has, not only at Mississippi State University, but as one of the elite chapters in the entire Sigma Chi fraternity. I'm proud to report that this tradition continues with excellent results to report in the classroom, community, and on campus.

CHAPTER UPDATES

First, we would like to introduce our new house director, Laura West, who we are very excited to bring in. Laura was a Sigma Chi Little Sister during her time at Mississippi State giving her many ties to our chapter. She has hit the ground running, and we could not be more excited to have her in this position.

I am happy to share Gamma Upsilon has once again taken home the Peterson Significant Chapter Award. This award is the highest honor given to undergraduate

chapters and recognizes excellence in all operations, including academics, philanthropy, recruitment, and ritual performance. Congratulations to all of our undergraduates for this achievement!

ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER

On August 10th we held our 19th annual Jackson Metro Area Alumni golf tournament hosted by **Ted Kendall '58** in Bolton, Mississippi. As always, we had a great time and thanks to all of the golfers who participated in or sponsored the event. Your support is greatly appreciated! Congratulations to the winning team of **Wally Cummins '07**, **Will Pentecost '07**, and **Stuart Knighton '09**!

THE SPIRIT OF SIGMA CHI

From time to time I like to look back on our fraternity's core beliefs and principles. As we have just welcomed a new class of men who each have their own temperaments, talents, and

convictions, let me leave you with one of my favorites, the *Spirit of Sigma Chi*:

"The spirit of Sigma Chi, as conceived by the Founders more than 160 years ago yet visible and alive today, is based on the theory that friendship among members, sharing a common belief in an ideal, and possessing different temperaments, talents, and convictions is superior to friendship among members having the same temperaments, talents, and convictions; and that genuine friendship can be maintained without surrendering the principle of individuality or sacrificing one's personal judgment."

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SUPPORT GAMMA UPSILON'S PROMISING FUTURE

Thank You, Generous Alumni

We would like to thank our generous Gamma Upsilon alumni who continue to support our chapter through their kind contributions. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our undergraduate brothers as they grow as young men and as a brotherhood. We are in the business of creating leaders, leaders who will go on to be productive, influential members of society. If you would like to offer your support with securing the chapter's continued success now and into the future, please consider making a donation to the chapter today.

Please make checks payable to the Gamma Upsilon House Corporation and send to Sigma Chi, Mississippi State, P.O. Box 80001, Starkville, MS 39759. You can also make your online donation to Gamma Upsilon by using the following link: <https://bit.ly/2H8EBjp>.

Gifts are not tax deductible, and a receipt will be provided. Every gift is significant and makes an impact on the lives of our brothers.

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 6
Initiation

NOVEMBER 16
Parents' Weekend

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500 Gamma Upsilon brothers who
have already joined!



Serving Country, State, and Sigma Chi

Richard “Dick” Hall ’60 Reflects on His Career in the Military, Public Service, and Commitment to Gamma Upsilon

While deciding on which fraternity to join is often a hard decision, **Richard Hall ’60** found it easier than most. Dick was so impressed with the character of the active members and alumni of Gamma Upsilon that he knew joining Sigma Chi was his only choice. “I looked up to the upperclassmen and alumni,” he said. “I knew that I wanted to emulate the qualities that they held someday.” Reflecting on his career, Dick hopes he made them proud.



“I am getting to the age now where I look back more than I used to,” Dick said. “I remember with fondness the fellowship and guidance from Sigma Chi, and I feel an opportunity to repay the fraternity for everything it did for me.”

Dick found the perfect way to repay the fraternity he loves: donating to the annual campaign. He notes that young people face many of the same challenges that he had, and Sigma Chi was instrumental in the success that he and his brothers have had in their careers.

“We have an obligation to help the young men coming behind us,” Dick said. “Part of that is ensuring they have a high-quality open facility.”

Over the years, much of the leadership on campus has consisted of Sigma Chi members. To continue this legacy, Dick believes Gamma Upsilon must remain competitive during recruitment. Maintaining a high-quality chapter house is a major advantage that entices potential new members to join

the brotherhood.

Dick still visits the chapter house often, returning to campus for nearly every football game with his Gamma Upsilon brothers. “I am very impressed by the status of the house and the young men living in it,” he shared. “When I was there, it was a very old, large converted residence, and now it is a newer and more modern facility.” Dick remains in touch with his brothers through alumni group lunches and golf outings to raise money for the chapter.

Dick continued looking up to his upperclassman brothers throughout his time as an active member. “I learned a lot of valuable skills and lessons while watching the senior members conduct chapter business,” Dick said. Upperclassmen were always open and free with their advice, helping Dick with everything from choosing courses to preparing for job interviews.

After graduating, Dick was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army as a field artillery lieutenant. He served for a total of eight years including reserve, with six months of active duty. Upon the completion of his military service, Dick sought a career as a public servant. He has served the state of Mississippi for over 40 years, 24 years as a state legislator and 20 as a chairman of the Mississippi Transportation Commission.

Much like the upperclassmen who inspired him to join Gamma Upsilon, Dick’s financial support gives generations something to aspire to. To talk to Dick more about his Sigma Chi experience or why he chose to give back, you can connect with him at dhall@mdot.ms.gov.

Love at First SIGht

Lewis Scott Poindexter ’60 Reflects on Gamma Upsilon and Meeting the Love of His Life

Growing up in Leflore County, **Lewis Scott Poindexter ’60** had many Greenwood friends who were already members of Gamma Upsilon during his recruitment. Scott decided to join them, and he will be forever grateful for the lifelong friendships that Sigma Chi brought into his life.

“Being a Sig is one of the most important decisions that I ever made,” Scott said, “and it is one of the things in my life that I am most proud of.”

Scott loved going up on the hill as a freshman with some of the older members who recruited him. “I still love them today,” Scott said. He remembers the basement in the house and all the fun times there with his brothers. He and his wife, Sis, were married during the second semester of his sophomore year. After that, Scott and Sis both enjoyed parties in the basement.

“She is just about as big of a Sig as I am,” Scott said. The couple still enjoys going back to the chapter house for reunions, and staying in touch with his brothers has been one of the greatest pleasures of Scott’s life.

After graduating with a degree in agriculture technology and business,

Scott was a farmer for 30 years. However, the most fun job he had came after selling his farm and buying the publishing rights to independent phonebooks that he worked with for nine years. Scott also served as president of the Bulldog Club and wrote three books, *Laughing at Us*, *Growing up on the Yazoo*, and *Don’t Ever Stop Laughing*. “I still don’t claim to be a writer,” Scott joked. “Remember, I graduated in agriculture not English.”

At the age of 79, Scott retired after working nine years fundraising for Mississippi Delta Community College’s Foundation.

Scott and Sis have been married for 61 years and have five children, 15 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. “Sis is the love of my life,” Scott said. “She is the same beautiful woman who ran off with me in 1958.” Outside of his family life, Scott is a Christian lay speaker and teaches a peer Sunday school class. He still tends to his garden and wood shop, though, his main hobby is writing letters to individuals who are confined indoors and need something to make them feel better.

If you would like to talk with Scott more about his life or his time with Sigma Chi, he can be reached at scottpoindexter@telepak.net.



Brothers playing volleyball during our formal recruitment this fall.

Chapter Breaks Recruitment Record, Welcomes Largest Class for Gamma Upsilon

Undergraduates Find Success in and out of the Classroom

It is an exciting time to be part of the Gamma Upsilon brotherhood. Year after year brothers strive to be leaders in and out of the classroom, and we are proud to report this past year has been no different. Having the highest GPA on fraternity row, we continue to be the fraternal academic leader at Mississippi State. Outside of academics, brothers are involved and invested on campus. We are honored to have **Jake Manning '20** serve as this year's student body president.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Gamma Upsilon continues striving to be a leader in the Starkville community. This past spring, we hosted our first annual steak dinner for Mississippi State Police, Backing the Blue. We wanted to show our gratitude toward them and the work they do for our university. Greek community relations was advanced by partnering with the Ole Miss Sigma Nu Chapter in their Charity Bowl, playing against and helping them raise \$70,000 to this year's recipient, Gamma Upsilon Brother **Thomas Guest '21**.

BUILDING UP OUR BROTHERHOOD

Our recruitment team, led by **Dalton Ford '21**, brought in record numbers with the biggest new member class in Gamma Upsilon history. We are incredibly proud Gamma Upsilon received the Peterson Award from the Sigma Chi International Fraternity. This award is the highest honor bestowed on a chapter of Sigma Chi.

SETTING OUR SEMESTER GOALS

As we move into the fall semester, we look forward to more community service, scholastic success, and welcoming new men who have the honor of joining our brotherhood. Gamma Upsilon continuously breeds the leaders of tomorrow at Mississippi State, and we look forward to another incredible year as leaders of campus and Greek Life.

As always, we wish to convey our most sincere gratitude to our unbelievable alumni for your support. Without you and your support, none of our accomplishments would be possible.



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IN WITH THE NEW

Gamma Upsilon Welcomes 78 New Brothers and a New House Director

As the chapter looks forward, I believe it is necessary to first reflect upon the many successes from the 2018-19 school year. Last month at the Sigma Chi Leadership Workshop, Gamma Upsilon was recognized with the Peterson Award, which is the fraternity's highest award for all-around chapter success.



We are so happy to introduce our new house director, Laura West. Our brothers refer to her as, "LaLa."

Our members continued to perform exceptionally in the classroom as well, where their 3.24 spring semester GPA led Mississippi State's fraternity row. For comparison, the all-men's GPA was 2.87, and the all-fraternity

GPA was 3.00. The chapter also had another successful Derby Days event where over \$100,000 was raised for Catch-A-Dream and the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Over the summer, the chapter also was pleased to welcome a new house director, Laura "LaLa" West. Laura has a great familiarity with Gamma Upsilon already as she was a Sigma Chi Little Sister. Her father, the late **Tommy West '60**, and brother, **Wade West '88**, were pledges of the chapter. Additionally, her nephew, **Will West '22**, is an active member.

Moving forward, Gamma Upsilon anticipates another successful year as they welcome 78 new members, many of them legacies, to campus. We will be sharing details for initiation on October 6th in the near future, so keep an eye out. Please feel free to contact me or our Magister, **Drew Windham '20**, if you have any questions or would like to make plans to attend.

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Missing Brothers' Addresses

Help us find the following Gamma Upsilon brothers by providing mailing address to msstatesigmachidatabase@gmail.com.

We also ask that you please send your email and mailing address to the email above if either have changed in recent years. Thank you for helping keep our database up to date!

Robert C. Pittman '80	Clay C. Knobles '83
Dee Witt C. Evans IV '80	Charles D. Maxwell '83
Kent A. Akins '80	David E. McCormack Jr. '83
Charles A. Fitzgerald Jr. '80	Timothy S Davidson '83
David R. Maxey '80	R. Reid Sheffield '84
William D Upton '80	Charles E. Boyer III '84
Kent A Atkins '80	George C. Howard '84
James W. Strobel Jr. '81	Richard J. Gilbrech '84
James T. Thomas '81	Bobby L. Windham Jr. '85
Mark E. Henson '81	William R. Stutts '85
James K. Wolverton Jr. '81	Gregory H. Tew '85
Thomas D. Bateman III '81	Matthew M. Davis '85
Robert L. Marlin '81	Thomas C. Beane Jr. '85
James N. Barron '81	James H Jones '85
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Mac L. Baker DDS '82	Andrew D. Lewis '86
Steele M Harder '82	Gregory P Huggins '86
Karl H Schadow '82	Richard A Kinsey '86
Bruce W. Sanders '83	Lee A. Davis II '88
Edward C. Hinnant '83	Steven K. Dickerson '89
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Luke Agent '23* Madison, Miss. (Father Henry Agent '95)	Finley Davis '23* Albany, Ga. (Father Buck Davis, University of Kentucky '76)	Ben Guest '23* Starkville, Miss. (Father Daryl Guest '90)	Chase Koski '23 Madison, Miss.	Graham Morris '23 Jackson, Tenn.	Wright Sampietro '23* Brentwood, Tenn. (Grandfather George Brian '67)	John Tyler '23 Greenwood, Miss.
Max Allen '23 Olive Branch, Miss.	Reece Davis '23 Jackson, Miss.	J.P. Guilbeau '23 Flowood, Miss.	Austin Kuster '23 Sarasota, Fla.	Joseph Morson '23 Clarksdale, Miss.	John Schmidt '23 Biloxi, Miss.	Hardy Vemer '23 Greenwood, Miss.
Howell Archer '23 Starkville, Miss.	Jackson DiCicco '23 Columbus, Miss.	Kyle Hansen '22 Brandon, Miss.	William Lamar '23 Meridian, Miss.	Joseph Noe '22 Clarksdale, Miss.	Philip Scordino '23 Birmingham, Miss.	Cade Vickers '23 Starkville, Miss.
Chadwick Arnold '23 Starkville, Miss.	Jack Dodd '22 Sunflower, Miss.	Davis Helton '23 Amory, Miss.	JP Langley '23 Corinth, Miss.	Luke Oliver '23 Stuttgart, Ark.	Shields Simpson '23 Stuttgart, Ark.	Will Waits '23 Jackson, Miss.
Jake Bell '23 Madison, Miss.	Andrew Easter '22 Clarksdale, Miss.	Austin Hillman '23* Lucedale, Miss. (Father Michael Hillman, Auburn University '66)	James Long '23 Greenwood, Miss.	Luke Overton '23 Tupelo, Miss.	Hunter Spencer '22 Vardaman, Miss.	Evan Watts '23 Clarksdale, Miss.
William Bowen '23 Memphis, Tenn.	Parker Evans '23 Ridgeland, Miss.	Thomas Hixon '23 Jackson Miss.	Jordan Manley '22 Tupelo, Miss.	Bear Palazzo '23* Mandeville, La. (Father Steven Palazzo '92)	Campbell Spivey '23* Starkville, Miss. (Father Dean Spivey '90)	Bryson Weeks '23 Brandon, Miss.
Robert Brawner '23 Tupelo, Miss.	Kyle Faver '22 Starkville, Miss.	Charles Hudnall '23 Madison, Miss.	Reid Mays '23* Birmingham, Ala. (Father Amory Mays)	Fernando Penafiel '23 Biloxi, Miss.	Harrison St. John '23* Hattiesburg, Miss. (Father Robert St. John '79)	David Wells '23 Noxapater, Miss.
Will Campbell '23 Grenada Miss.	Carson Fisher '23 Madison, Miss.	Clay Hudson '23* Tupelo, Miss. (Father Clay Hudson)	Rob McDowell '23 Jackson, Miss.	Jack Pickens '23 Memphis, Tenn.	Jack Thoms '23* Madison, Miss. (Father Rusty Thoms '99)	Garrett Wiles '23 Noblesville, Ind.
Leland Capocaccia '23 Cleveland, Miss.	Jack Funderburg '22 Jackson, Miss.	Walker Hunter '23 Mobile, Ala.	Mathis McGee '22 Corinth, Miss.	Cade Proctor '23 Madison, Miss.	Cole Thomas '23 Madison, Miss.	Benjamin Williams '23* Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Father Doug Williams, Indiana University '78)
Cam Carroll '23 Madison, Miss.	Jack Gideon '23 Madison, Miss.	Bryce Ishee '23 Madison, Miss.	Jonas McGuffee '23 Hoover, Ala.	David Purvis '23 Jackson, Miss.	Jack Thoms '23* Madison, Miss. (Father Rusty Thoms '99)	
Grant Case '23 Madison, Miss.			Sam Meadows '23 Madison, Miss.	Raegen Richardson '22* Starkville, Miss. (Father Bo Richardson '86)		

* Legacy, relation in parentheses