



SIGMA NU NEWS

DELTA ALPHA

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ALUMNI, ACTIVES & CANDIDATES WEEKEND

Our annual AAC weekend is approaching quickly and this year it coincides with CWRU's Homecoming Weekend! Join us for a weekend with your Delta Alpha brothers and enjoy the programming the university has to offer. See CWRU programming at: <http://www.case.edu/alumni/weekend/schedule.html>

Friday, October 1, 2010

Reception at the Chapter House, 7 PM

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Football Game and Barbecue at the Chapter House, 11 AM
Alumni Chapter Meeting at the Chapter House, 4 PM
Reception at the Chapter House, 6 PM
Banquet Dinner at Nido Italia in Historic Little Italy, 7 PM

For additional information, please visit: <http://sigmanu.case.edu/AAC>



Alumni of all ages are encouraged to come out to whatever events they can. It is a great opportunity to meet new brothers as well as reconnect with those whom you've lost touch. The cost for the dinner is \$30 per person.

Please RSVP online at:

<http://sigmanu.case.edu/AAC>

You can either pay online or in person with cash or a check.

Any questions, please contact:

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330-321-1946

- or -

David Schindler, Alumni Relations Chair

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James Paxton ΔA 1082

John Szabo ΔA 1111

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John Szabo ΔA 1111

Chris Gammell ΔA 1168

ALUMNI CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chris Gammell ΔA 1168
Worthy Commander

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Worthy Lt. Commander

Joseph Dea ΔA 1045
Worthy Treasurer

John Blasko ΔA 1239
Worthy Recorder

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Worthy Marshal-Chaplain

James Paxton ΔA 1082
Worthy Historian

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Matt Finnerty ΔA 1161

Daniel Bowser ΔA 1173

ALUMNI RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

David Schindler ΔA 1270

GRAND CHAPTER 2010 MARKED WITH AWARDS

The Delta Alpha Chapter and Case Western Reserve University were well represented by actives and alumni at this year's Grand Chapter held in Boston, Massachusetts. Attending the convention from Delta Alpha were House Corporation Members James Gero, Michael Jaszczak, Joseph Dea, and James Paxton; Alumni Steve Pertsev, Matthew Gardner, and Geoff Peyton (Voting Delegate); and Active Chapter Delegates Matt Root and Nathan Knox. Alumni that participated in non-convention events included Phil Epstein, Phil Fultz, Brian Imhausen, John Kotwicki, Nate Grinstead, Chris Gammell, and Mike Weis.

Following on the heels of a very successful showing at the previous Grand Chapter, the Delta Alpha Chapter and its members won various awards this year. James Paxton was named with the great distinction of Alumni Chapter Officer of the Year, notably for his leadership in various capacities and published written history of Sigma Nu in Cleveland. Geoff Peyton was named an Alpha Affiliate and honored as one of ten graduating seniors from across the country inducted into the Alpha Chapter. *(story continues on next page)*



Delta Alpha alumni and actives celebrate their awards

GRAND CHAPTER 2010 (CONTINUED)

Despite many of the challenges facing the active chapter during the previous school year, the Delta Alpha Chapter was presented with an Honorable Mention for the Rock Chapter Award. This is the fifth consecutive Grand Chapter where Delta Alpha has either been named a Rock Chapter (2002, 2004, 2008) or received Honorable Mention (2006, 2010). The Rock Chapter is typically awarded to the top five chapters in the nation. All alumni and actives should be proud of these great achievements!

In addition to the scheduled activities at Grand Chapter, Delta Alpha hosted a dinner prior to the July 4th fireworks at the Hilton for the chapters from our Division: Zeta Gamma (Kent State), Kappa Lambda (Akron), and Beta Iota (Mt. Union). Also attending were the Brothers from Delta Iota (Washington State University) in honor of the announcement that the High Council had approved the rechartering of Delta Iota for the coming school year. The 23 attendees had a good time with the purpose of building ties between the chapters. Grand Chapter 2012 will be held in Dallas, Texas.



Delta Alphas at Fenway Park

ACTIVE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Candidates Ceremony — 8/10,
Amasa Stone Chapel, 7:30PM

AAC Weekend — 10/1-2



Brothering Retreat — 10/23-24,
Beaumont Camp

Knighting Ceremony — 12/3,
Amasa Stone Chapel, 7:30PM

ACTIVES PLACE 2ND AT GREEK WEEK 2010

This past year the Brothers of Sigma Nu came in second overall in the 2010 Greek Week competition. This year's theme was "Peace, Love, and Greek Week." The standings were determined on the last day of events, as Sigma Nu and several other chapters were neck and neck. Sigma Nu placed first in the following events: Greek Sing, Banner, and Variety Show. Greek Sing was a Sigma Nu version of the B-52's "Love Shack." Banner had a water gun and time line through the 1960s (see photo at right). Variety Show involved Wayne's World, Bob Dylan, and Journey. The Brothers also placed in Beach Ball Relay, Raft Race, Pyramid, and Obstacle Course.



TEN NEW KNIGHTS WELCOMED IN 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

ΔA 1291 - Kevin Moeller
ΔA 1292 - Nathan Knox
ΔA 1293 - Fred Turkington

ΔA 1294 - Nicholas Rossi
ΔA 1295 - Mitchell Delaney
ΔA 1296 - John Eldridge
ΔA 1297 - James Lee

ΔA 1298 - Royce Hunter
ΔA 1299 - Trevor Piecuch
ΔA 1300 - Patrick Landis

A LETTER FROM THE WORTHY COMMANDER

Fellow Delta Alpha Alumni,

This past year has been a tumultuous one. Many amongst our ranks have lost their jobs. Our active members are attempting to join one of the worst job markets in decades. Others have lost their homes or come close to doing so. Our active brothers faced the same situation, dealing with a destructive fire that ruined much of the top floor of the chapter house.

Why do I mention all these things we'd rather forget? Because in the midst of these times, our shared bond of brotherhood is more important than ever. The generosity you show towards your brothers has a greater impact than it had just a short a time ago. Your giving can take many forms: it could be the introduction of a Delta Alpha member to a co-worker to help him network and find his next job. It could be alerting the general chapter to a job posting that you think someone with a CWRU education would fit well. It could be as generous as offering your home to a friend and brother in need. It could be as simple as visiting the chapter house to see if any of the brothers need help with their homework (assuming any of us remember how to do undergrad assignments). And as always, financial donations to the alumni chapter will help fund many different programs in both the active and alumni divisions. No matter how big or small, it's important to remember that we are all from the same family and that we can be expected to both ask for and give assistance at some point in our lives.

In this spirit, there has been a renewed sense of the need to stay connected. This has always been a struggle for our alumni chapter and will continue to be as people change jobs and locations. However, we still believe it is important to be able to communicate with one another, across distance and across generations. In the past few months, we have been working to roll out an updated system for maintaining contacts, both electronic and physical addresses. We have been attempting (with varying levels of success) to utilize new technology for alumni chapter meetings, such as video and audio conferencing. We have been meeting at locations around Cleveland to try and maintain the bonds of brotherhood; other times we are trying to connect with brothers from different pledge classes than our own.

We have been working to stay connected because we think it's worth fighting for. We hope that if you are only now receiving this newsletter or reading the website for the first time (or the first time in a while) you will consider signing onto the website or calling us up and giving your latest contact information. Our ability to communicate throughout the year will define us, both in what we can accomplish and how connected we feel to our alumni chapter.

We look forward to moving forward in 2010 and emerging as stronger alumni and active chapters and we hope that you will be there to join us.

Sincerely,

Chris Gammell
ΔA 1168
Worthy Commander



A LETTER FROM THE ACTIVE COMMANDER

Greetings!

As we begin the fall 2010 semester, I am glad to say that things are calming down and looking bright for the Delta Alpha Chapter. At the beginning of the spring 2010 semester, the third floor was approved for occupation following the fire, and actives in the house have moved into their old rooms. The chapter would like to thank Joe Dea and the House Corporation for all the hard work they put in getting the house back in great condition!

Also at the beginning of the spring semester, the Delta Alpha Chapter eagerly welcomed four new members following spring rush. Sophomores Trevor Piecuch and Patrick Landis and freshmen Royce Hunter and Jaewon In all accepted their bids and have already been making great contributions to the active chapter. The chapter went on its annual brothering retreat to Beaumont Campgrounds where the new initiates received their big brothers.

Also a big part of the spring semester for the active chapter was Greek Week. The theme was "Peace, Love, Greek Week." The chapter feverishly prepared for what was another excellent Greek Week. We took second place amongst the fraternities. The entire active chapter is very proud of our achievement.

I am also very proud of the great work being done by our newest group of officers. T Nick Domitrovic, our Service Chair, has gotten the chapter involved with a new and local charity, the Human Initiative Foundation, and has planned another outing to the Deepwood Foundation facilities in Lake County. Our Social Chair, Peter Schillo, planned an outstanding 103rd White Rose Formal at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo the weekend of February 27th and organized two well attended mixers for the chapter last semester. Gabe Geschke, the chapter's newest Chaplain, is busy planning numerous brotherhood events for the chapter, including a "Good Movie Night" every Thursday in the basement, utilizing our beloved big screen TV.

Along with excelling within the fraternity, the Delta Alpha Chapter continues to excel with honor throughout the Case Western Reserve community. Scholastically, the chapter continued to perform well, exceeding the all men's average last semester with a GPA of 3.318, one of the top fraternities on campus. Brothers Geoff Peyton, Mike Malguarnera, John Horton, Tyler Allen, and Andy Leveto, all on the Case Engineers Council, wrapped up the most successful Engineer's Week to date. The chapter also continues to maintain a strong leadership presence in other groups around campus, with numerous members involved in Undergraduate Student Government, University Program Board, the Speakeasy a cappella group, and Case Men's Glee Club among numerous other student groups.

This spring was another phenomenal semester for the Delta Alpha Chapter. As always, alumni are greatly encouraged to stop by the chapter house and participate in the activities of the chapter!

Fraternally,

Matt Root
ΔA 1257
Eminent Commander



UPDATE FROM THE HOUSE CORPORATION

Fall 2009 was the low point for Delta Alpha housing in recent memory. A fire in room 307 started the year off with almost the worst possible scenario we could have imagined. Although the fire only spread slightly into room 309, the smoke wiped out the 14 rooms in the third floor main hallway along with many of the brothers' personal belongings. Thankfully, there were no injuries.

The brothers were relocated to Cutler House during fall rush and eventually moved back into the second floor and third floor 6-pack after some weeks. It took months for the university to complete repairs to the third floor, with a rumored price tag of \$250,000 for the clean-up and repairs. The student who started the fire was determined to be responsible, with Sigma Nu and Case Western Reserve being cleared. His parents' insurance agreed to cover the loss. No chapter property was lost, but the Fire Marshall ruled that all of the lofts on the third floor had to be removed, probably considered by the brothers the most tragic part of this incident.

The Active Chapter hosted an Around the World Party after things finally returned to normal. This party resulted in several sanctions from both Sigma Nu Headquarters and the University. The sanctions have mostly been completed, except mainly that the house is alcohol-free until May 31, 2011 and the Chapter is on a sort of probation with Case until that time.

However, 2010-11 promises to be a far superior year. The House Corporation spent \$36,000 on common area furniture prior to the fire. Furniture in the Brothers' rooms and all of the carpet in the building has been replaced by Case in the past two years. The kitchen cabinets and countertop were just replaced. New screens and dining room chairs purchased over summer have also arrived. Having provided the Chapter with the things they need to succeed on the housing front, we hope to put all of this behind us and return to excellence!

ALUMNI NEWS

Joseph Dea ΔA 1045: Still chasing that elusive Mega Millions jackpot. Considering a return to the corporate world if the Mayans are wrong about 2012, but holding out for now. Great time seeing all the guys in Boston for Grand Chapter. I'll be on Facebook next year when I turn 40.

Matthew Bangerter ΔA 1059: Practicing law since 2007. Recently opened a law office in Willoughby, Ohio.

James Paxton ΔA 1082: Finishing my emergency medicine residency this year, and will be looking for a job in the Detroit metro area soon. I had a great time hanging out with the collegians and alumni at Grand Chapter this year, as always! We are printing the *Sigma Nu in Cleveland* book this year, and I am working on a history of the international fraternity, to be released with the sesquicentennial of Sigma Nu Fraternity in 2019.

Steve Pertsev ΔA 1110: Down over 120 lbs. and still counting. Bought a condo in Brooklyn.

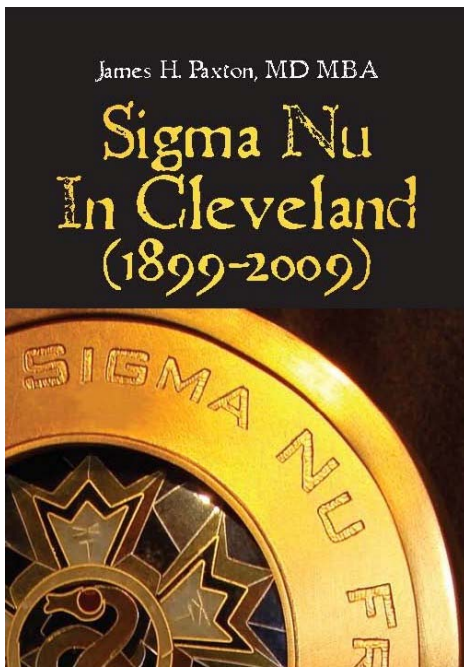
John Szabo ΔA 1111: Married to Elizabeth, with 2 year old Evan and baby Ryan. Moved to Westlake in 2009.

Chris Gammell ΔA 1168: Recently got engaged to the wonderful woman I met while living down in Texas. I also managed to start a radio show about electronics called "The Amp Hour." If you're a nerd (like me) and enjoy electronics, check it out!

Matthew Gardner ΔA 1235: Recently moved to Washington, DC to work for the Government Accountability Office.

Nick Hilgeman ΔA 1241: Currently teaching English at Zagazig University in Egypt as part of a Fulbright grant for the 2010-2011 academic year. I am also continuing my studies of the Arabic language.

HISTORY OF SIGMA NU IN CLEVELAND CAN NOW BE YOURS



After more than a decade of work, *Sigma Nu in Cleveland (1899-2009)* is finally being published by Delta Alpha – Delta Zeta Alumni Chapter. This book chronicles the development and history of Sigma Nu's five collegiate and alumni organizations in Cleveland. The book consists of 828 pages of text, including 100 photos and multiple appendices, concluding with the 100th anniversary of Delta Zeta Chapter in 2009.

The softcover edition will be available at a cost of \$20 to collegiate and alumni members of Sigma Nu. A limited edition of 333 copies of the hardcover version is also being printed, and will be available for \$35. These books are expected to be ready for mailing by the middle of October.

A complimentary copy of the softcover edition will be provided to all brothers who attended the 100th anniversary Delta Alpha Chapter formal in 2007. Alternatively, brothers who attended the 100th anniversary formal can reserve a hardcover edition at a cost of \$20. Brothers who attended the 100th anniversary should respond directly to Joe Dea at jad5@cwru.edu or (216) 647-6275 to reserve their copy. Please indicate

hardcover or softcover and your current mailing address. Payment for hardcovers will be due when you receive the book. Brothers who have already responded do not need to do so again unless their address has changed.

The limited edition hardcover version includes a dust jacket, but is otherwise identical to the softcover version. All of Delta Alpha Chapter's approximately 1,300 members are named in this book, including a full badge listing and index to those brothers listed. Although the book details the history of all of Sigma Nu's organizations in Cleveland, its focus is on Delta Alpha Chapter.

These books are available in a limited supply, so be sure to reserve your copy of *Sigma Nu in Cleveland* today!

DELTA ALPHA LEADERSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

An anonymous Delta Alpha alumnus has created a matching gift opportunity to help support the Delta Alpha Chapter. The fund is held by the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation and the earnings will be used specifically to help provide benefits to the Active Chapter, such as educational programs, like LEAD, and also services like the educational consultants that visit each semester to train the officers, facilitate LEAD sessions, etc. Any donations (which are tax deductible) payable to the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation, with “**Delta Alpha Leadership Fund**” indicated (memo line/letter) will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 with the goal of creating a \$20,000 fund. No specific timeline has been indicated. Future newsletters, however, will contain updates regarding the status of this fund or if an end date for the matching opportunity is announced. All donations will be much appreciated and help to ensure educational benefits for the chapter in the future. The mailing address is:

Sigma Nu Educational Foundation
9 Lewis Street
P.O. Box 1869
Lexington, VA 24450

ALUMNI DUES SUMMARY

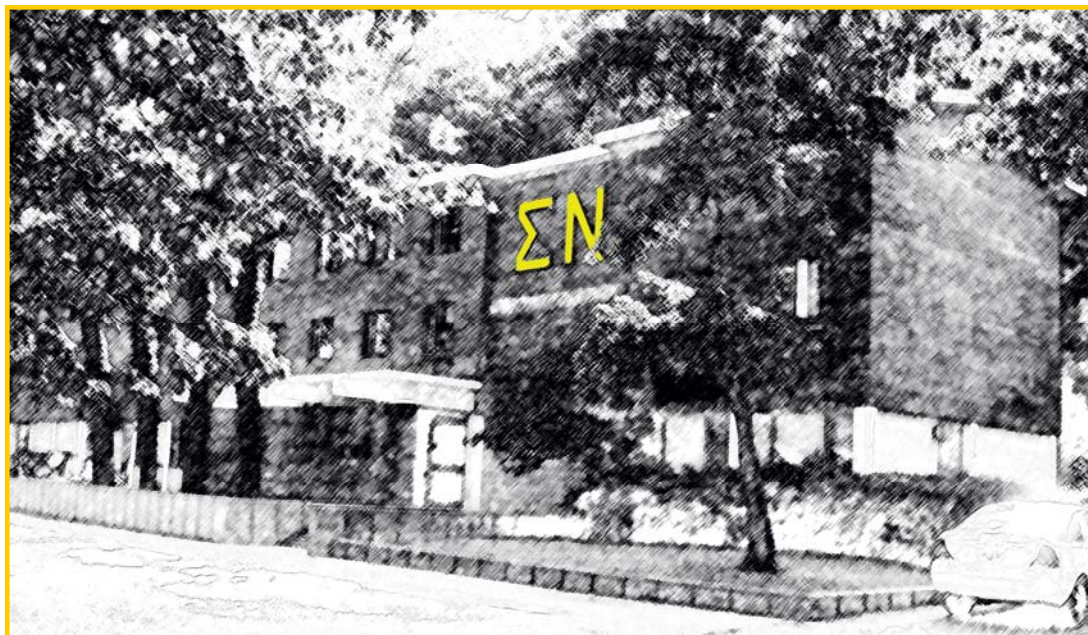
Alumni Dues 2009 - 2010

| Legion of Honor (\$100+) | Founder's Club (\$50-\$99) | White Rose Society (\$25-\$49) | Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15-\$24) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 651 Parham, David | 558 Pritts, William | 749 Brentin, Robert | 930 Gero, James |
| 704 Verdini, William | 938 Nazar, James | 784 Eckstein, Thomas | 1173 Bowser, Dan |
| 742 Reiman, James | 1161 Finnerty, Matthew | 794 Weddell, James | 1196 Kramp, David |
| 829 Schwartz, Brian | 1227 Hill, John | 902 Messenger, William | 1203 Weis, Michael |
| 1045 Dea, Joseph | | 1044 Tangpricha, Vin | |
| 1060 Kiehl, Christopher | | 1059 Bangerter, Matthew | |
| 1068 Manickam, Murugu | | 1117 Hamlin, Phil | |
| 1082 Paxton, James | | 1168 Gammell, Christopher | |
| 1093 Guy, J.J. | | 1210 Lamoreaux, Stephen | |
| 1094 Widick, Josh | | 1213 Crandall, Jacob | |
| 1110 Pertsev, Steve | | 1239 Blasko, John | |
| 1111 Szabo, John | | 1244 Rupe, Adam | |
| 1123 Lundberg, Andrew | | | |
| 1198 Helpern, Joseph | | | |
| 1217 Heiser, Evan | | | |

2008-09 Total: \$3,340 2009-10 Total: \$2,090
Thank you for your continued support!

Alumni Dues 2008 - 2009

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 502 Hanley, Peter | 561 Massie, John | 749 Brentin, Robert | 1196 Kramp, David |
| 585 Newkirk, Karl | 902 Messenger, William | 904 Stone, Michael | 1210 Lamoreaux, Stephen |
| 651 Parham, David | 938 Nazar, James | 1044 Tangpricha, Vin | 1211 Schori, John |
| 742 Reiman, James | 963 Hanley, Charles | 1076 Kumar, Ace | |
| 930 Gero, James | 1059 Bangerter, Matthew | 1157 Munyon, Ryan | |
| 980 Jaszczak, Michael | 1096 Rubin, Scott | 1180 Christiansen, Lee | |
| 1045 Dea, Joseph | 1117 Hamlin, Phil | 1228 Grabowski, Artur | |
| 1053 Olugbile, Alex | 1168 Gammell, Christopher | 1252 Larson, Reid | |
| 1058 Garcia, Ruben | 1229 Richardson, Pat | | |
| 1060 Kiehl, Christopher | | | |
| 1066 Cornelius, Shawn | | | |
| 1068 Manickam, Murugu | | | |
| 1082 Paxton, James | | | |
| 1089 Schwarz, Jeffrey | | | |
| 1092 Epstein, Philip | | | |
| 1093 Guy, J.J. | | | |
| 1094 Widick, Josh | | | |
| 1101 Lundgren, Scott | | | |
| 1109 Agostinelli, Darryl | | | |
| 1110 Pertsev, Steve | | | |
| 1111 Szabo, John | | | |
| 1216 Anderson, Donald | | | |
| 1217 Heiser, Evan | | | |



UPDATES & ALUMNI DUES

Be sure to go to <http://sigmanu.case.edu/> to update your information online, see timely news updates from the active chapter, and pay your alumni dues.

Alternatively, you can always send updates and dues to:

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David.Schindler@case.edu

-or-

c/o Sigma Nu

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Cleveland, OH 44106

Changes in address, new jobs, big moves, engagements, children, or any other news is greatly encouraged. We are always excited to include news from our alumni in our newsletters, but we need alumni to help by providing it!

Personal Information

Name: _____ **Pin Number:** _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **Mobile:** (____) _____ **Birthday:** ____/____/____

Company Information

Company Name: _____ **Position:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **Ext:** _____ **Fax:** (____) _____

Other Comments/News:

Alumni Dues

Enclosed is my contribution to the Alumni Chapter for the 2010-2011 school year. Please make all checks payable to Sigma Nu Fraternity Alumni Chapter:

- Legion of Honor (\$100+)
- Founder's Club (\$50-\$99)
- White Rose Society (\$25-\$49)
- Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15-\$24)