

# Sigma Nu News

The Newsletter of the Delta Alpha Alumni  
Chapter at Case Western Reserve University

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- James Paxton, ΔA1082
- John Szabo, ΔA 1111

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## **CHAPTER WINS NATIONAL ANTI-HAZING PHOTO CONTEST**



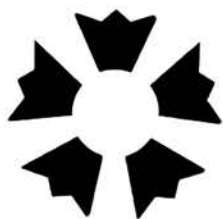
In the fall of 2012, the Delta Alpha chapter accepted the National Anti-Hazing Awareness Week's challenge by taking an innovative approach to spread awareness about the dangers of hazing. Led by senior Kevin Moeller, a seven foot tall pledge paddle was constructed, shown in the picture to the left. The paddle made appearances across campus in large events including Thwing Tuesday and the homecoming parade.

By the end of the week, the paddle had obtained a significant number of signatures, and achieved wide recognition in the community. Weeks after the campaign ended, we were notified that our efforts had paid off, and our project had won the year's contest.

## **ACTIVES' EVENTS CALENDAR, 2013-2014**

- 9/13 Candidate Ceremony
- 9/23-9/27 National Hazing Prevention Week
- 9/27 - 9/28 AAC
- 10/26 Brothering Retreat
- 12/6 Knighting Ceremony

For more event information, email Brian Hayt at [bah79@case.edu](mailto:bah79@case.edu)



## Greek Week 2013

In this year's Greek Week competitions, Sigma Nu came in at 3rd place for the second year in a row. The activities kicked off on a positive note: the official greek week logo contest issued by the greek life office was won by brother Tim Nevin.

The chapter tied for first in many of the opening events as well, including Greek III, Meetings 1, 2 & 3, Faculty Luncheon, Can Castle, Letter Check-In, and Pytte Cup Submissions. At the first competition based event, Greek Sing, Sigma Nu performed an arrangement of Macklemore and Ryan Lewis' hit 'Same Love'. Arranged and directed by Nathan Knox with words by Levi Ridgeway, we told the story about a struggling college student trying to fit in, and realizing that Sigma Nu was the place for him. The tear jerking performance was given a standing ovation and university wide recognition, from other chapters to university officials. The singers later performed the song again at the LGBT center's lavender graduation.

Notable finishes also included a first place win in the non-competitive bracket for rope-pull. Weighing in at over a ton, the rope pull team fought their way to the top. Using innovative new cadences, and under the instruction of Nathan Knox, the team quickly gained the support of the crowd, and emerged on top. Second place finishes in banner and egg toss added to our success, and a third place finish in variety show and fifth place finish in the raft race locked us in for the overall third place finish.

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### Philanthropy

The chapter once again held Frisbee and Flapjacks for Hunger, a philanthropy event that benefits local food banks. Nine teams participated, and countless more attended our pancake bar. Overall, we raised over \$600 for local Cleveland food banks.

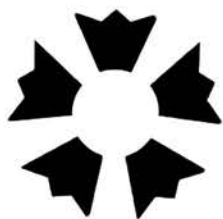


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### House to Home

The goal of the house to home initiative is to make a chapter house feel more like a home through renovations or additions to the house. Greek Life and Housing determine this by accepting written proposals from each eligible chapter and funding the estimated cost of the additions or renovations. The program has a \$100,000 budget, and upon the acceptance of a written proposal from eligible chapters, the offices will work with chapters to turn their dreams into realities.

In the first year, the Sigma Nu house became eligible, scoring above the standards required to participate in the initiative. A proposal was submitted to expand our house to include a more effective scholarship room, and has transformed to include indoor bike storage as well. The project does not yet have a tentative start date, but as more progress is made, we will keep you updated on construction progress.



## AAC 2013

This September, join the active chapter for a Homecoming celebration bringing together CWRU students, alumni and families for the biggest event of the fall semester. Homecoming festivities start on Thursday, September 26th, and continue throughout the weekend. The complete list of events can be found by visiting [www.case.edu/homecoming](http://www.case.edu/homecoming).



Register and pay at [sigmanu.case.edu/aac](http://sigmanu.case.edu/aac)

9/27 Friday

7PM — Informal reception @Sigma Nu

9/28 Saturday

10:30AM — Homecoming Parade

12PM — BBQ / Tailgate @Sigma Nu

1:30PM — Alumni Chapter Meeting  
@Sigma Nu

4:30PM — Cocktail Hour @Nighdtown  
business casual, \$35/person

5:15PM — Dinner @Nighdtown

10PM — Late night breakfast @Sigma Nu

## Commencement 2013

On May 19, the chapter celebrated the graduation of our senior brothers with an Alumni, Actives and Parents BBQ at the Chapter House. Over 50 guests enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, and great weather out on the patio. If you haven't made it to a graduation BBQ yet, save the date for 2014's graduation ceremony, May 18 2014 and join us to welcome next year's newest additions to the alumni chapter.

These recent graduates have big plans. Patrick Landis and Schuyler Thompson will be beginning full time work as Amazon employees. Brother Alex Chadwick will be continuing his education at U. Michigan Graduate school this fall. Brother James Maloy will be starting medical school at Northwestern University. Others will be continuing their education locally. Jaewon In and Zachary Glatt will be pursuing masters degrees at CWRU, while Kevin Moeller pursues his education degree at CSU.

## New Knights

With the affirmation of 10 brothers this spring, we welcomed 12 new knights to the chapter, for a total of 19 new brothers in the 2012-2013 school year.

Justin Beckman, ΔA 1350

Dan Brotman, ΔA 1351

Lucas Flowers, ΔA 1352

Henry Hershey, ΔA 1353

Evan Lanese, ΔA 1354

Charlie Topel, ΔA 1355

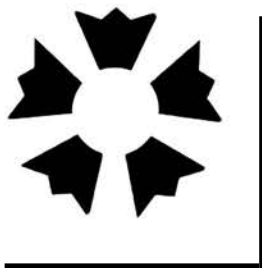
Julian Potter, ΔA 1356

Ryan Hansen, ΔA 1357

Marc Sturzl, ΔA 1358

Vinay Rao, ΔA 1359

Calin Solomon, ΔA 1360



## **A Letter From the Worthy Commander, Royce Hunter**

It is with great enthusiasm I accept the position of Worthy Commander. As a recent alumnus, I am well connected to the members of the Active Chapter and other recent alumni. I look forward to meeting and corresponding with more alumni, such as yourself, throughout the decades of Delta Alpha's existence.

The Delta Alpha Active and Alumni Chapters work well together and have contributed to each other's success. The Active Chapter continues to win awards and is on the path toward Rock Chapter. This summer, the Active Chapter was one of 12 chapters recognized through the Pursuit of Excellence Program for Excellence in Operational Excellence and one of 11 chapters recognized for Excellence in Personal Development and Membership Value. Award winners will be featured on [sigmanu.org](http://sigmanu.org) and by social media feeds from headquarters.

Speaking of social media, it has revolutionized how the current generation communicates and has begun spreading to previous generations. I will make it a priority to keep our two current facebook pages consolidated to one central, up-to-date. Now, we do not want social media to become our only source of alumni news. Please, continue to send in alumni news for the newsletter by filling out the attached form with the newsletter and via email to my information provided below.

Recently, there have been successful efforts to hold Delta Alpha alumni gatherings in Washington D.C., New York, and Michigan. In an effort to encourage the connectivity of several regions throughout the nation where there is a strong alumni presence, we look forward to updating our database, KGROVE, ([www.kgrove.com/sigmanu-dadz/](http://www.kgrove.com/sigmanu-dadz/)) and also by providing social media and newsletter announcements. We normally distribute the newsletter via email, but are using this opportunity to test our database by both mailing and emailing the current edition.

The future definitely looks bright and it is my hope to see many of you in Cleveland this fall at our annual event, AAC. As has become the new tradition, the dinner will be held on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend — September 28th this year.

Fraternally,

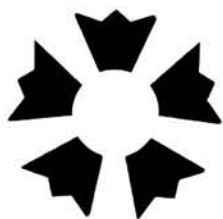
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## A Letter From the Editor, Nicholas Barron

Greetings Brothers,

For those of you I haven't met at an AAC dinner, BBQ or alumni chapter meeting, my name is Nicholas Barron, DA1037. I've served as the PR chair (2010), Lt.

Commander (2011-2012), and I am currently the Social, PR, and Alumni chairs. I write you today for the first time in a few years, and although I could write a novel full of updates, I have tried to save you some time and highlighted our biggest accomplishments in just a few short pages. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to send in your own good news, we would love to hear about it! While you're at it, check the calendar for events that fit into your schedule, and plan a trip to Cleveland. The active chapter would love to meet you and hear about your days at school first hand.

To name a few of the actives' accomplishments over the past year, Al Rodriguez has signed a recording contract with his band Midnight Slander on Spectra Records. Jarred Napier spent 5 days in Peru, volunteering during a doctors' strike. He saw over 2500 patients in just 45 hours of clinic time. Jack Borsi and Ryan Currie were part of the 2013 Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corp, placing 5th nationwide this summer.

Thanks for reading our first issue of the 40th volume of Sigma Nu News! In order to help us deliver the most meaningful and important news that you want to hear about, we would love for you to send us suggestions and comments so that future issues contain things that you're interested in. You may contact me directly at [nhb10@case.edu](mailto:nhb10@case.edu) or by cell phone at (412)-862-0319. Alternatively, I'm in room 317, so feel free to stop by any time.

From everyone here in the active chapter, we wish you well in the next year!

Nicholas Barron  
DA1307



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## Alumni Chapter Awards

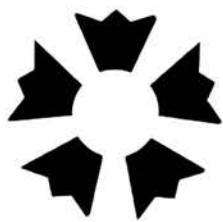
Congratulations to Charles Linville, DA 996, for receiving the Delta Alpha Award of Merit. The Award of Merit may be presented by the Worthy Commander to any alumnus who has significantly contributed to the success and prosperity of the Alumni Chapter and/or the collegiate Delta Alpha Chapter during the previous year. Worthy Commander, Christopher Gammell, DA 1168, presented the award to Charlie at the May 2013 Alumni Chapter Meeting for his work on the alumni database through K-Grove and organizing alumni events in Baltimore and D.C.

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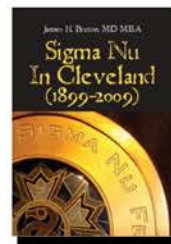
Have you seen our new website? Visit [sigmanu.case.edu](http://sigmanu.case.edu)!

Like our Facebook page, 'Sigma Nu at CWRU', to keep up to date on our events and news.





## History of Delta Alpha Book



Hardcover copies of Sigma Nu in Cleveland are currently available. 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. 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.

To order a copy, please send your mailing address and a check payable to Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter for \$40.00 to Joseph Dea / 2330 Euclid Heights. Blvd. #310 / Cleveland Hts., OH 44106

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## Sigma Nu Educational Foundation Scholarship Funds

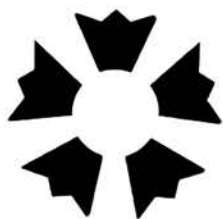
The balance in the Delta Alpha Scholarship Fund was \$74,899.61. This fund provides for the Charles Jackson Hammond awards, grade-based awards, and First Achievement Awards. Since 1997, the fund has paid out over \$67,000.00 to undergraduate brothers and the undergraduate chapter.

The balance in the George A. Bowman Fund was \$11,697.48. This fund provides for the Bowman awards which are similar to the Hammond awards but less comprehensive in scope.

The balance in the Delta Alpha Leadership Fund was \$17,221.76. This fund provides support for the Active Chapter by helping pay the costs associated with LEAD Program supplies, costs of Educational Consultant visits, and other support received from Headquarters. Although Headquarters has suggested that funds for this purpose be started for each chapter, ours is one of very few nationally. Less than five years old, this fund was started by an anonymous DA donor who matched donations of other Brothers and the House Corporation.

As all of these funds are held at the Educational Foundation, donations are tax deductible. However, you must specify that your donation be directed to the Delta Alpha Fund, the George A. Bowman Fund, and/or the Delta Alpha Leadership Fund, otherwise, you'll be donating to the General Fund. Your support and any matching support that your employers may offer are crucial to the success of our Scholarship program. Checks payable to Sigma Nu Educational Foundation can be mailed to:

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



## **Other Chapter Awards**

First Place, Beta Theta Pi's Tuboff

First Place, Intramural Bowling

Pursuit of Excellence - Excellence in all categories but one, which scored Very Good.

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## **Letter From the Eminent Commander, Brian Hayt**

Brothers,

Great things are happening in the Delta Alpha chapter! Each new semester brings excitement and improvement; I can hardly wait for the next semester to begin! In the spring we welcomed 12 new knights bringing our spring 2013 total to 61 active knights. We also recently received notification that the Delta Alpha chapter received excellence, the highest designation, in two of the three sections of the pursuit of excellence program (Sigma Nu's assessment, standards, and improvement program).

This spring we had the pleasure of gaining two new faculty advisors: Dr. Shannon French of the Inamori Center for Ethics has agreed to serve as our leadership advisor and Judith Olson-Fallon, the director of Educational Services for Students, has agreed to be our scholarship advisor. Work has already begun on vastly improving our scholarship plan for the upcoming semester and I expect Judy to be extremely helpful in advising brothers on their academics. Dr. French has also begun advising the chapter on new methods of teaching the LEAD program and has already started contacting colleagues to facilitate LEAD sessions.

Another big part of the spring semester for the active chapter was Greek Week. The theme was "Reduce, Reuse, Re-Greek Week." The chapter worked very hard and performed phenomenally on all events. In the end we took third place amongst the fraternities. The entire active chapter is very proud of our achievement.

The 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!

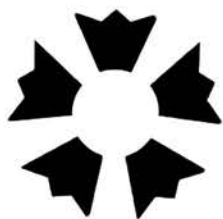
Faternally,

Brian Hayt

DA 1316

Eminent Commander





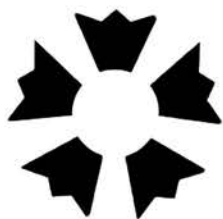
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## '11-'12

<b>Rock</b>	<b>\$250 +</b>	<b>Founders' Club</b>	<b>\$50-\$99</b>
921	Wenz, Robert	651	Parham, David
930	Gero, James	902	Messenger, William
1066	Cornelius, Shawn	1058	Garcia, Ruben
1082	Paxton, James	1168	Gammell, Christopher
1093	Guy, J.J.	1196	Kramp, David
1173	Bowser, Daniel	1228	Grabowski, Artur
		1229	Richardson, Patrick
		1238	Petrack, Michael
<b>Legion of Honor</b>	<b>\$100-\$249</b>	<b>White Rose Society</b>	<b>\$25-\$49</b>
558	Pritts, William	661	Massie, John
585	Newkirk, Karl	749	Brentin, Robert
742	Reiman, James	963	Hanley, Charles
938	Nazar, James	996	Linville, Charles
980	Jaszczak, Michael	1044	Tangpricha, Vin
1045	Dea, Joseph	1059	Bangerter, Matthew
1060	Kiehl, Christopher	1237	Diller, Eric
1068	Manickam, Murugu	1295	Delaney, Mitchell
1094	Widick, Joshua		
1105	Fultz, Phillip		
1110	Pertsev, Steve		
1111	Szabo, John	<b>Knights of Delta Alpha</b>	<b>\$15-\$24</b>
1161	Finnerty, Matthew	1253	Hasanali, Ali
1208	Derewecki, Adam		
1216	Anderson, Donald		
1217	Heiser, Evan		
1227	Hill, John	<b>Average Donation</b>	<b>\$ 95.85</b>
1235	Gardner, Matthew	<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$ 3,930.00</b>

Thank you for  
your contributions!





# Alumni Dues Paid '12-'13

## Rock

930	Gero, James
1066	Cornelius, Shawn
1082	Paxton, James
1094	Widick, Joshua
1123	Lundberg, Andrew
1227	Hill, John

## Legion of Honor

### \$100-\$249

558	Pritts, William
651	Parham, David
742	Reiman, James
921	Wenz, Robert
938	Nazar, James
994	Kozak, Kenneth
1045	Dea, Joseph
1047	Bastawros, David
1053	Olugbile, Alex
1060	Kiehl, Christopher
1068	Manickam, Murugu
1089	Schwarz, Jeffrey
1093	Guy, J.J.
1105	Fultz, Phillip
1110	Pertsev, Steve
1111	Szabo, John
1155	Kotwicki, John
1161	Finnerty, Matthew
1173	Bowser, Dan
1208	Derewecki, Adam
1235	Gardner, Matthew

## Founder's Club

902	Messenger, William
1039	Paier, Andrew
1044	Tangpricha, Vin
1061	Ferrance, David
1168	Gammell, Christopher
1217	Heiser, Evan
1229	Richardson, Patrick
1245	Smith, Russell
1255	Anderko, Paul
1257	Root, Matt
1280	Leveto, Andrew
1282	Guengerich, Ben
1289	Purdy, Eric

## \$50-\$99

## White Rose Society

661	Massie, John
722	Groberg, Bruce
794	Weddell, James
996	Linville, Charles
1176	Ehrenreich, Joshua
1238	Petrack, Michael
1244	Rupe, Adam
1247	King, Daniel
1252	Larson, Reid
1253	Hasanali, Ali
1258	Horton, John
1298	Hunter, Royce
1302	Chadwick, Alexander

## \$25-\$49

Congratulations on setting a new  
alumni dues record!

Average Donation  
Total Donations

\$ 86.32  
\$ 4,575.00

**Thank you for your contributions!**

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☐ Enclosed is my contribution to the Alumni Chapter for the 2013-2014 school year. Please make all checks payable to **Sigma Nu Fraternity Alumni Chapter**.

☐ Rock (\$250 and up)

☐ Legion of Honor (\$100 - \$249)

☐ Founder's Club (\$50 - \$99)

☐ White Rose Society (\$25 - \$49)

☐ Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15 - \$24)

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