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ALUMNI GATHERING

SAE Hoops Weekend 2019



Some Penn Theta alumni recently gathered in Philadelphia to watch Penn's Basketball team battle Ivy opponents Dartmouth and Harvard at the Palestra.

There were a few members present who didn't get into the picture included here. They were: **Paul Maurer '90**, **Tom Peck '92** and **Andrew Hudson '92**.

If you were in attendance and you have additional photos to share, please visit the website and sent them in by clicking on the Alumni Profiles tab on the Home Page.

L-R:
*Dave Frame '90,
Paul Baker '90,
Chris McLaughlin '91,
Mitch Warren '90 and
Harry Fisher '89*

UPCOMING EVENT

Save the Date!
Alumni Day – Saturday, May 18, 2019

The Class of 1994 is invited to stop by the Chapter House for their 25th reunion. The Class of 1989 and their "shoulder" classes will also be returning to campus in force. Rumor has it that they will be taking a chain saw to the overgrown shrub in the courtyard to restore the Wallball court.



Mission and Creed

Our Creed:
"The True Gentleman"

Our Mission:

The mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship and service for our members based upon the ideals set forth by our Founders and as specifically enunciated in "The True Gentleman."

GIVING IS JUST A CLICK AWAY

Helping Our Brothers to Donate Online

Use of the Web has become an everyday fact of life. Most of us aren't even aware of how dependent we are on it, until something goes wrong. We use it to correspond, to pay bills, make purchases and organize our daily lives. Organizations, from global corporations to the smallest start-up, depend on the internet to reach their clients and advance their objectives.

Like ours, all fraternities have their websites, which are invaluable tools for connecting our brothers, disseminating news and raising funds. The ability to donate online has been a boon for most fraternities. The ease of a few clicks to make a donation, as opposed to writing a check and mailing it – a process that can often delay or derail a donation – makes it the ideal method for collecting funds.

While most contributors to fraternities do so online, there is a significant minority who don't. Statistics show that off-line donations tend to be "softer," with less per capita giving and more lapses in regular giving. We want to encourage all our brothers to consider giving online.



While the vast majority of our brothers, are online, evidence shows that many don't make full use of the internet, especially in financial matters. For some donors, technology can be intimidating, and its ever-changing nature only compounds the problem. Widespread stories of hacking and identity-theft further discourages cautious donors, who often don't understand or trust security settings. Some are simply too embarrassed to ask for help. Paradoxically, for many brothers who suffer from health and mobility issues, the internet is the most

effective way to keep them in contact with our fraternity.

Here are some reasons you should consider giving online:

It's quick and easy – Just use the "Donate" tab on the upper corner on our website, www.saeath.org, and follow the easy one-step instructions. You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation.

It helps the chapter – It removes the uncertainty of donating offline and allows us to process your donation in a timely manner.

It's safe – In all online donations, your identity will be protected and your information kept confidential.

Assistance – Got any questions? Contact us on the website – we can help.

Our brothers are very generous in supporting our fraternity. We want to facilitate your generosity by letting you know that the easiest and most effective way to give is just a click away.

GREEK LIFE

UPENN Announces New Policies, How Does It Affect SAE?

This Second Year Experience Program is the way Penn will try to finally kill off all Greek-letter organizations by choking off our recruitment (perhaps an indirect goal of this announcement). We were hoping Penn would include recognized Chapter Houses in their definition of College House – clearly not the case.

As one Penn Theta alumni described it, "It is nothing less than the infantilization of students. Can't have the kiddies living where they want and associating with persons holding unacceptable political positions. 75 years ago, 18 year olds met "diverse" people, were handed a rifle, and advanced on a beachhead. Now, they have furry animals and college "experience" programs to protect them from the stress of choosing a place to live. Sad."

See <https://www.thedp.com/article/2018/09/housing-sophomores-greek-chapter-house-on-off-campus-upenn>.



Brian Schmitt, EDA of SAE and President of Penn's IFC, makes a great point...

Of course, we are monitoring the situation and trying to plan for it and maintain Penn Theta SAE as a vibrant and worthwhile choice for young men seeking the joys and life-long benefits of college fraternity life, specifically SAE. We welcome your

comments and any influence or assistance you can render to University officials to help mitigate this misguided policy.

"It is nothing less than the infantilization of students."

We would like to encourage our alumni to designate 100% of their donations to Penn as "Preference for Sigma Alpha Epsilon" (and zero % to all other Penn classifications) as a show of support and include an explicit statement that they have suspended their unrestricted donations to Penn until the Second Year Experience Program is modified to include recognized Greek-letter organizations.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE - A CALL TO ACTION

Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong!

Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is half over with \$12,055 collected from 34 brothers. We want to thank those 34 brothers (you can find them under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Penn Theta so far this giving year!

Our goal this year is \$25,000. Last year only 56 out of 1,119 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?

"I support the fund because I want to make sure future generations can experience the brotherhood."

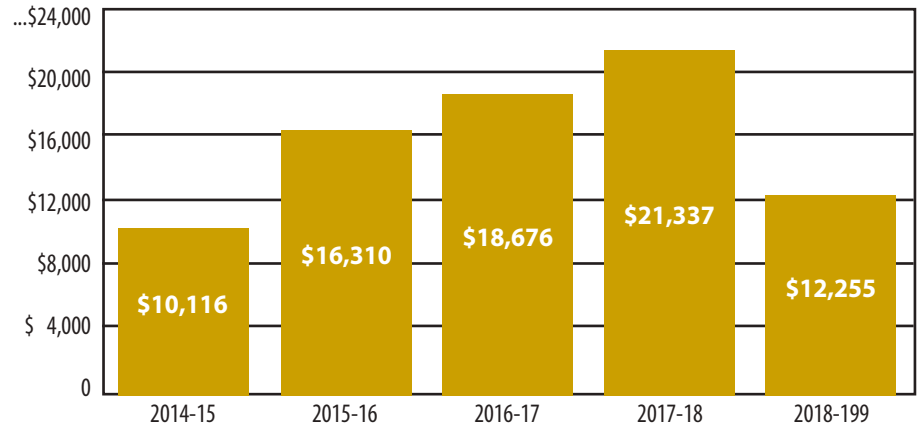
Giving Online is Easy!

You can donate online by simply going to our website, saepath.org and selecting the Donate button found at the top of the page. We encourage all brothers to donate what they can and donating online is easy and allows access to you contribution faster.

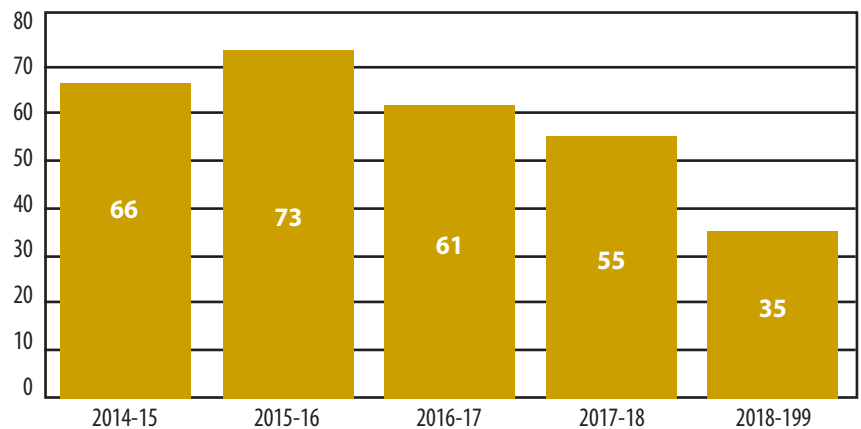
Donations can also be made sending a check made payable to Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Penn Theta Chapter to:

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Annual Fund Totals

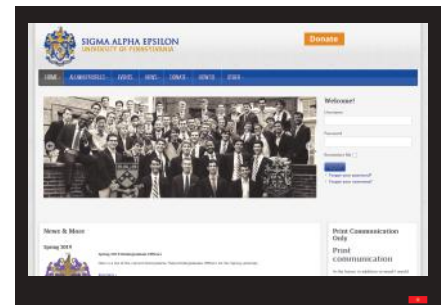


Annual Donor Totals



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

"I feel it is my duty to give back to something that gave me so much."



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FLASHBACK PHOTO

Re-Visiting 2005 Penn Theta



We want to take the photo time machine back to 2005 at University of Pennsylvania; YouTube had just been founded, “ Star Wars Episode III Revenge of the Sith” premiered in theaters , the Eagles lost to the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXIX, “Drop It Like It’s Hot” and “Hollaback Girl” were all over the radio and George W. Bush started his second term as 43rd President of the United States....but where were YOU that year?

If your memory is having trouble re-booting, maybe this picture from our 2005 archives will help you locate some of those lost files. We’re sure that Penn Theta had some fun that year!

If you are one of the brothers in this picture and you have a great story or even more great pictures to share, please visit the website and go to the **Submit Update** page for consideration in a future newsletter. We want to hear from you!

WHY WE STILL SUPPORT PENN THETA

Some Thoughts on Why We Still Give

Have you ever asked yourself why you give? Is it part of your charitable routine? Do you believe in affording the next generation of young men the same experience you had with Penn Theta? Whatever the case, we again, thank you. Here are some reasons we collected from past surveys of other Sigma Alpha Epsilon members from various Chapters around the country about why they have and continue to give back to our organization:

“I thoroughly enjoyed my college years spent as a member of SAE, 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 am thankful for my SAE experience, and realize that it was only possible because of the investment of time and money from many previous members who built and maintained the facility and the culture. For this, I feel a responsibility to contribute to the continuation of SAE on campus.”

“Some of the fondest memories of my college experience are of my Brothers and the times that we had together at the SAE house. Contributing to the Annual Fund is a way of staying in touch with those days and providing, in some small way,

a chance for the current Brothers to have that same experience.”

“The best way to summarize why I give:

- The last bachelor party that I went to at age 32 included 5 guys that were all from my fraternity.*
- For my 10-year reunion, I caught up with a very broad range of people but spent most of my time with my wife and the guys that were from my fraternity class.*
- For my 30th birthday, we threw my party at the SAE fraternity.*