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PENN THETA CHAPTER EDUCATION FUND

Funding Goals of the Penn Theta Chapter Education Fund

Dear Esteemed Brothers of Penn Theta,

We are nearing the end of the giving season and want to let you know of the funding goals of the Penn Theta Chapter Education Fund ("CEF"), a very important initiative that was led by our current Penn Theta Eminent Deputy Archon, Will Locke. Will has done herculean work to gather advice and support from alumni members as well as the national SAE Foundation to create and administer this important Fund. This message provides you with more information about the Fund and how you can make your **501c(3) tax-deductible donation** to our CEF to support scholarships for dedicated brothers on significant amounts of financial aid.

Cash donations can be directed through <https://support.sae.net/give/251943#!/donation/checkout> after ensuring the "Pennsylvania Theta Chapter Education Fund" is selected. Information about donations of stock can be found at <https://www.sae.net/foundation/ways-to-give#ways-online>.

At this link <https://saepath.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Pennsylvania-Theta-CEF-Guidelines-Update.pdf> are the proposed guidelines that Will and others have developed in conjunction with the SAE Foundation. The guidelines follow the comments and advice of alumni that Brothers demonstrating dedication to the fraternity should be the primary recipients of aid. So the current intention is to grant scholarships to those Brothers on financial aid living in the Chapter House, or to highly aided brothers living in an "off campus" Penn Theta house.

Ultimately, per our CEF agreement, the Alumni Association has the authority to create the guidelines we use to nominate "both worthy and needy brothers."

Additionally, we have attached a preliminary presentation at <https://saepath.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Pennsylvania-Theta-Scholarship-Fund.pdf> that runs through varying benchmarks we could target depending on alumni and undergraduate support. Due to the early generosity of interested alumni Brothers, there is about \$50,000 already in our CEF, so raising another \$50,000 would decrease our management fee from 1.5% per year to .5% per year and give us 4-5k of scholarship funding annually. If we can raise another \$175,000, it would provide the equivalent of the national dues and expenses for each highly aided Brother. If we could raise just over \$450,000, it would provide half dues for all Brothers on financial aid.

Thank you again to those who have already pledged their support and provided advice and counsel to this effort. Please let me know if I can answer any questions. We hope that your families and you remain safe and healthy and enjoy a wonder Holiday Season and wonderful 2022.

Please stop by the Chapter House if you're in town. The actives would love to meet more alumni since they haven't had as much of a chance to meet all of you during the last two homecomings. You are welcome anytime.

In the bonds,
Steve Sloan, W77

CHAPTER ETERNAL

A Sad Goodbye to Our Brother



We recently learned of the passing of **Brother James Tito '59** at age 83 on April 24, 2021. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends at this time. To view his obituary head to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9h2hes>

Thank you to our donors!

We want to take this time to say THANK YOU to **Ted Mook** '56 and **Lloyd Swaim** '58 for their continued support of Penn Theta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon over the years. We recently caught up with **Ted** and **Lloyd** and asked them about where life has taken them, Sigma Alpha Epsilon memories, and what Penn Theta Chapter means to them today. Here's what they had to say.

Donor Spotlight: Ted Mook '56



How has being in Sigma Alpha Epsilon changed your life?

As a 1953 SAE Penn Theta pledge, I had the opportunity to be guided by senior Bill Cole, who served as our Pledge Trainer that year. To this day, I can still recite the SAE grace, some of our songs and even some of The True Gentleman that we learned during our pledging. But the biggest input Bill Cole made on me, and the whole pledge class as well, was his directive that all pledges should become active in extracurricular activities - it wasn't a question of whether we would be active, it was a question of what activities we would get involved with. In other words, he nicely gave us marching orders to get involved in campus activities. His message was well received and as a result, of the fifteen members of our pledge class, six members of that pledge class (30%), as seniors, were elected to Senior Honorary Societies - **Sam Campbell** (Sphinx), **Lee Hargrave** (Friars), **Tom Stoner** (Friars), **Jack Swope** (Hexagon - Chairman), **Chuck Turner** (Hexagon) and yours truly (Friars) - all on the strength of their extracurricular activities. No other fraternity came close to that total.

I won't bore you with all the activities I participated in or led but the list was

long. It included Chairman of the Spirit Committee, the Phi Kappa Beta Junior Honor Society (along with others from our pledge class), Captain of the varsity tennis team, attendance at the SAE's Leadership School in Evanston. As a result of these extracurricular activities and several others, I learned many skills that served me very well in my business career - such as leadership skills, delegation of duties, teamwork, goal setting, time management, and organizational skills. It would be fair to say that, unlike most college students, I benefited most from the University of Pennsylvania through extracurricular activities. I was just an average student.

The Penn Theta Chapter of SAE provided me with the stimulation, follow through, and the support I needed to enhance my participation in extracurricular activities throughout my Penn years. Thanks to these SAE-backed experiences, I have had a successful 34 year career in the investment securities business. For decades, I have stated that those successes came directly from my years at Penn Theta.

Let me conclude with these three thoughts. As a result of the Penn Theta-stimulated activities I participated in, I am a major supporter of the college fraternity system....have nothing but great memories of my Penn Theta times, and remain a huge fan of Brother **Bill Cole** and my SAE chapter."

Donor Spotlight: Lloyd Swaim '58

Why have you remained so dedicated to Sigma Alpha Epsilon?

When I arrived at Penn in 1954 I was looking forward to a real college experience along with an education. During the Fall rush a group of friends and I gravitated towards SAE and we joined others to form a pledge class

of about 19. The class had a good chemistry and we have remained friends now for over 60 years. Bring part of the Old Guard our numbers are dwindling now but all of us have fond memories of SAE. I recently travelled to Philadelphia for the funeral service for my roommate, **Bill Beck**.

The class was very active campus and we had several members of Friars and Hexagon in our senior year.

Our four years at Penn were filled with social and other special experiences. Penn had joined the Ivy League but someone did not tell the scheduling department so we were 0-19 against national powerhouses until we finally defeated Dartmouth in our junior year.

How has being in Sigma Alpha Epsilon changed your life?

The most important event was a Christmas mixer with several sororities where I met my wife of 62 years, Ann.

The Wharton education, and the social experiences at Penn and SAE prepared me well for success in the business world. I retired as VP-Treasurer of the Gillette Company. The international nature of the company afforded me opportunities for interesting relationships with others around the world. I remember well visiting Bob Lamb of our pledge class at the embassy in Germany on one of my business trips. Ann and I have continued our international travel in my retirement years.



UNDERGRAD UPDATE

Catch up with the Undergrads

Dear Alumni of Pennsylvania Theta,

I hope this letter finds you well. Despite the interruption caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, Penn Theta was back into full swing this past fall semester. Everyone was back on campus and 3908 Spruce was once again open to the entire brotherhood. The following paragraphs include an update on recent chapter activity and briefly introduces a new charitable initiative for Penn Theta.

The chapter has been busy since we got back to school in September. This semester rush chairs **Sam Betz** ('23) and **Hayden Keller** ('24) built upon last semester's success by adding another five brothers in our fall class. Thanks to their efforts, we have also already met several excellent candidates to join the brotherhood this upcoming spring. Philanthropy Chair **Drake Goodman** ('24) organized a successful philanthropy event, and Eminent Archon **Aidan Padala** ('23) led our accreditation process, where we received 102 of a possible 106 points.

House Manager **Pranav Anand** ('23) and I have been working closely with Campus Apartments to make a number of minor repairs and replacements (new dryers, repairs to the stairs, power-washing the courtyard, etc.) to the house and we recently re-established an SAE flag on the front of 3908 Spruce. We look forward to continued improvements in the coming months.

Social Chairs **Ahmed Alveed** ('23) and **Kevin Valido** ('24) have ensured a smooth return to a normal social semester. Our mixer

schedule has returned, and we have continued social traditions like SAE Manor. Some of us are curious if there are any social traditions that may have fallen by the wayside in previous years. If any alumnus remembers a social event that they were particularly fond of, we invite them to reach out and we will do our best to re-establish the tradition.

Finally, I am excited to announce that thanks to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation, it is now possible for alumni to easily donate to fund scholarships for Penn Theta brothers on financial aid. I understand that brothers have investigated this possibility for at least a few years, so we are excited to see it come to fruition. A few generous alumni have already pledged gifts, and we will be reaching out in the coming weeks to gather feedback as part of a feasibility study for an inaugural scholarship campaign. While we plan to reach out to all alumni about this initiative, if you are especially interested in organizing involvement from your class, or in volunteering in some other capacity, please reach out. I hope to see you all at homecoming or in the Spring.

In the Bonds,

William Locke

Eminent Deputy Archon

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pennsylvania Theta
College of Arts and Sciences '23

THROWBACK PHOTOS

Throwback to the good ole days

Who doesn't love a good throwback photo? Well, we sure do have some throwbacks for you! Check out these photos **Jeff Karp '88** recently sent in of Sigma Alpha Epsilon from back in the day. Here is what Jeff had to say about the photos.

May 2009 – Class of 89 20th reunion (with Karp '88 there too). – Dogger, Schmeltz, Aulty, Schauf, Viadro, Karp, Cap'n, Normbo, Al, Lee"



"May 2014 – Class of 89 25th reunion (with Karp '88 there too) – Schmeltz, Normbo, Aulty, Goose, Karp, Dogger, Lee"



"circa 1987 - Pelzar, Ballard, Sarver, Rao, Karp, Goose"



"May 2019 – Class of 89 – 30th reunion (with Karp '88, Eckels '87 and Saltzman '85 there too). – Normbo, Aulty, Lippy, Viadro, Dogger, Karp, Eckels, Ballard, Schmeltz, Al, Lee, Rao"





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WEBSITE

Our website has recently been updated! Visit www.saepath.org to take advantage of the great features, some new and some we've had for a while. The new site will be faster than ever with a user-friendly interface.

News: Keep up to date on the latest and greatest happening at Iota Chapter.

Events: Stay in the know for all upcoming events and plan to attend.

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Lost Brothers List: A list of brothers we don't have contact information for.

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DIRECTORY

Check out our website's searchable directory to get back in touch

