

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bid Day

September 12<sup>th</sup>

### Homecoming 2015

October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

### 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Spring 2016 (TBA)

# The *Sigma Nu – Rhodes College – Spring 2015* EPSILON SIGMA News



**Important:** If you have not already done so, please use the Alumni Update form on our website to [update your information](#) so you can continue to receive messages and updates from the Chapter. Furthermore, we encourage you to share interesting news/events so that we may incorporate them in future newsletters. Please forward information about alumni (promotions, activities, insights, stories, etc.) to Rahul Peravali, perra-17@rhodes.edu.

## Greetings from the Active Chapter

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to forward you the Epsilon Sigma Chapter's final newsletter for the Spring 2015 Semester. I am excited to announce that Epsilon Sigma has once again won the "Fraternity of the Year" award for the fourth time in the past five years! With the addition of a 15-person spring pledge class, Epsilon Sigma stands strong with 67 brothers in the Active Chapter. Furthermore, this semester has been pivotal in rekindling our philanthropic efforts and preparing for major renovations to the House. We hope that the reestablishment of the House Corporation this year will help fund and coordinate the repairs to our beloved house in the future. Also, this past fall the Active Chapter earned a 3.26 GPA, which is both the highest among fraternities and all males. With every brother of the Active Chapter committed to the Pursuit of Excellence, I am confident we will continue to represent the ideals and values of Sigma Nu during both our college years and well beyond.

Fraternally,

Rahul Peravali, EΣ 1188

Alumni Relations Chairman

## Recruitment Update

The Active Chapter continues to grow and is now 67 members strong! Please welcome the spring 2015 initiates:

### Newly Initiated Knights – Spring 2015

EΣ 1203	Jeremy Breddan	Los Angeles, CA
EΣ 1204	Benjamin Aiken	Springfield, MO
EΣ 1205	Andre Boulay	Staten Island, NY
EΣ 1206	Jacob Hill	Texarkana, TX
EΣ 1207	Roger Johnson	Birmingham, AL
EΣ 1208	Turner Kim	Washington, DC
EΣ 1209	Jesse Kirtchuk	Brooklyn, NY
EΣ 1210	Mitchell Koenig	Nashville, TN
EΣ 1211	Jesse Linkhorn	Columbus, OH
EΣ 1212	Max Miller	Los Angeles, CA
EΣ 1213	Sean O'Brien	New Orleans, LA
EΣ 1214	Joey Penn	Kansas City, KS
EΣ 1215	Yi Song	Shijiazhuang City, China
EΣ 1216	Sawyer Tucker	Atlanta, GA
EΣ 1217	Nick Weng	Munford, TN



## Philanthropy Update

Semester philanthropy included:

- Rites to Play
- Luau Fest
- Relay for Life
- Service Days at Ronald McDonald House
- New mandatory 6 hour of service requirement

This semester the Active Chapter has made revamping our philanthropy efforts a priority. This started with hosting the first annual Luau Fest for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This was an all-day event co-hosted by Tri Delta Sorority. Several talented brothers performed in bands to provide live musical entertainment, and the afternoon was capped off with a performance by Live by Satellite, a popular band based in Nashville. A Central BBQ food truck was also on site providing food for the guests. Through this program, we helped Tri-Delta in reaching their \$10,000 benchmark to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, one of Sigma Nu's Helping Hand Partners. In addition to this, the Active Chapter participated in Relay for Life at the University of Memphis after holding a silent auction to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

In addition to hosting events, we have also placed a strong emphasis on community service by each individual brother this semester. At the beginning of this semester, we amended the Active Chapter's bylaws to incorporate a mandatory 6-hour service requirement to help instill a life-long commitment to service in each brother. Then, to help each brother complete this requirement, we provided two service days during the semester. Both were at the Ronald McDonald House, where we sanitized toys and cleaned to make the area safe for the cancer patients staying there. The first of these events was co-hosted by the Active Chapter and the Rhodes Kinney Program, and was part of Kinney's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service held over Martin Luther King weekend. The second – exclusively for brothers – was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> as part of the Founders' Month of Service. This specific service event was concluded with a productive LEAD session in which we reflected on our service experiences from throughout the semester, as well as the importance of service and philanthropy more broadly. Then, for our final service event of the semester, we hosted a football toss booth at Rites to Play, a children's fair held on the Saturday of Rites of Spring.

Fraternally,  
Sam Jordan, EΣ 1178  
Philanthropy Chair



*Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House*



*Flying V's at Luau Fest*



*Sigma Nu at Rites to Play*



## House Update

I am pleased to inform you that we are making great strides with regards to our house. At the start of this semester, we instituted enforcement procedures for conduct and treatment of the house. From there, we began to take concrete steps towards repairing the facilities. In terms of house improvements and repairs, a stonemason fixed the outside patio wall and repaired a number of stone slabs that were crumbling. An exterminator inspected the entire building multiple times, treating for rats and termites. On designated cleaning days, Brothers organized and cleaned closet and storage spaces that were previously cluttered and full of trash. Two new doors located upstairs were installed, and an electronic padlock was installed on the back door of the house. We have acquired a more durable, portable, and powerful speaker system that has been utilized at all of our social events. We are thrilled to have received new furniture as donations from brothers, and are continuing to search for additional furniture for both the Chapter Room and Goodbar Morgan Room. Due to multiple power outages and electricity shortages, we installed a new secondary wire and also replaced fuses that were blown during winter break; we are now attempting to specify and update our breakers and electricity outlets so that we may avoid problems like these in the future. Lastly, we have repainted the women's bathroom and have re-stained our newly made frat bench, which was constructed by a number of brothers last semester. No matter how many repairs we have made though, there is always room for improvement. Our future projects include re-installing WiFi in the house, refurbishing and waxing our worn out floors, painting all of the walls of the house, sanding down excess drywall, and providing upkeep and landscaping all across the exterior of the house. Going into the summer, there is a great deal of momentum behind so many of the Brotherhood's endeavors. In terms of our house, we hope to build upon everything that we have accomplished this semester.

Fraternally,  
Amit Shah, EΣ 1189  
Housing Chair

## Brother Profile – Bailey Kimmett

Bailey Kimmett was the President of Sigma Nu, a Rhodes Diplomat, a member of RUF, a *Faces of Rhodes*, an intern in Admissions, and worked in Brussels for The German Marshall Fund of the United States. Bailey is obviously a great example of how to be a leader on campus, but more importantly, Bailey's actions show what it means to have true character. When I was nominated to Lt. Commander, I found a letter in my mailbox weeks later, and it was from Bailey congratulating me but also giving me advice and reflective thoughts on his time as Eminent Commander. Later, I found out that he had also written thank you letters to every member of his executive board.

As the semester comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on how lucky I was to have a big brother whom I connected with and who also looked after me in a meaningful way. While I am sad that Bailey is graduating, I am happy to know that he is positioned for a successful future because of what a rare and exceptional human being that he is.

Bryan Martin, EΣ 1168  
Lieutenant Commander



**Bailey Kimmett**

## Message from the Alumni Chapter

Greetings from the Alumni Chapter! As you might already know, the Alumni community has been very active in the last few months, both socially and productively. Monthly happy hours have been a huge success, bringing a wide range of brothers out to gather and catch up over some drinks at different places, including the new breweries and restaurants scattered through Midtown. As the weather starts to warm up, I'm hopeful these events will evolve into something more dynamic and spur even more involvement - stay tuned! In addition, the re-establishment of the House Corporation has ushered in an exciting time for Epsilon Sigma Sigma Nu. I am confident the members of the board, along with support from the Alumni Chapter and the community, will inspire a new wave of progress. We can all be proud of the headway that has been made in the last few years, and I believe this new addition will only further the strong tradition of dedicated collaboration we've seen from alumni and active alike.

As always: love, truth, and honor.  
Nate Mahoney, EΣ 1089  
Worthy Commander, Epsilon Sigma Alumni Chapter

## Message from the House Corporation

After nearly 20 years of inactivity, the Sigma Nu House Corporation of Memphis has been reinstated with the Tennessee Secretary of State, and the Board of Directors is now actively working the Active Chapter to formalize an agreement regarding use of the house and Rhodes to renew our lease!

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the members of the Board of Directors for all their hard work over the past two years as we have worked to reach this point. I would also like to extend SPECIAL THANKS to Nate Mahoney, Worthy Commander of the Epsilon Sigma Alumni Chapter, for his help researching the reinstatement and insurance requirements, and Jeff Davis, past Secretary/Treasurer of the Sigma Nu House Corporation of Memphis, for his help finalizing the past Annual Reports.

In Raymond Galbreth's 1995 article, "[Fair Share vs. A Piece At A Time](#)" he writes, "The more a chapter is run like a business, the more it feels like a fraternity." Make no mistake, the Epsilon Sigma Chapter is a business – a business whose purpose is to recruit and develop leaders, founded on the principles of love, truth, and honor. With the recent work of the House Corporation, the Epsilon Sigma Chapter is starting to feel more and more like a business and is now positioned for long-term success!

Your INVOLVEMENT and SUPPORT will help us continue our progress as we work to restore the Chapter House! To become a member the House Corporation, mail the attached Membership Dues Record along with your Membership Dues payment, or simply [pay your Membership Dues online!](#)

### House Corporation Members

Eugene McKenzie, EΣ 275, Class of '58  
Benjamin Ward, EΣ 393, Class of '65  
Duane Mills, EΣ 403, Class of '66  
Jim Durham, EΣ 422, Class of '67  
Paul Cooper, EΣ 462, Class of '69  
Jim Mulroy, EΣ 522, Class of '71  
Randy Rhea, EΣ 610, Class of '77  
Bill Byrd, EΣ 613, Class of '78  
David Durham, EΣ 617, Class of '78  
Ward Wilson, EΣ 648, Class of '79  
Art Rollins, EΣ 671, Class of '81  
Benjamin Young, EΣ 755, Class of '86  
Walter Powell, EΣ 839, Class of '91  
Paul Plekon, EΣ 1043, Class of '05  
John Gehrig, EΣ 1062, Class of '07  
John Huldin, EΣ 1097, Class of '12  
Rikeen Patel, EΣ 1137, Class of '13  
Rush Brady, EΣ 1094, Class of '12

### Supporters

James Botsford, EΣ 314, Class of '60  
Dale Pflug, EΣ 305, Class of '60  
Thomas Durff, EΣ 387, Class of '65  
Royce Morris, EΣ 598, Class of '76  
John Garner, EΣ 1057, Class of '07  
Preston Reeder, EΣ 1108, Class of '13  
Nate Mahoney, EΣ 1089, Class of '11  
Anthony Perez, EΣ 1157, Class of '14

All of us wanted to be a part of a winner and now our Chapter is one. We all played a role in this success, so I encourage you to renew your fraternal commitment by becoming a member of the House Corporation. Ask any member of the House Corporation and they will tell you there has never been a better time to be a Sigma Nu!

I look forward to working with you as we make our collective vision for success a reality!

Fraternally,

John Gehrig, EΣ 1062

Secretary/Treasurer, Sigma Nu House Corporation of Memphis



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Membership Year: 2015

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Name	E-mail Address
Address	Telephone Number
City	State
Zip Code	Graduation Year

**Membership Dues Schedule**

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)

OTHER AMOUNT GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)

Complete the above information and mail along with a check or money order made payable to the Sigma Nu House Corporation of Memphis to:

Sigma Nu House Corporation of Memphis  
 c/o John Gehrig, Treasurer  
 PO Box 382246  
 Germantown, TN 38183

### Membership Invitations

I would like you to contact the following Brother(s) on my behalf and invite them to become members of the Sigma Nu House Corporation of Memphis:

1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____