

**Upcoming Events**

Wild Game Cookout:

**February 18<sup>th</sup> 2-6 pm**

LEAD Session: Bailey Kimmitt

EΣ 1156, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, FJ-C**

Interested in hosting a LEAD session?

Contact: **figch-19@rhodes.edu**

Candidate Initiation: **April 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**Newly Initiated Knights**

EΣ #	Name	Hometown
EΣ 1239	Noah Sanchez (PCP)	Murfreesboro, TN
EΣ 1240	Abel Diaz	Houston, TX
EΣ 1241	Erin Dindoruk	Houston, TX
EΣ 1242	Sam Quinn	Johns Creek, GA
EΣ 1243	Alexander Stevens	Daphne, AL
EΣ 1244	Alexander Stickler	Chicago, IL

**Greetings from the Active Chapter**

Dear Brother,

I once again have the pleasure of greeting you with the latest edition of the Epsilon Sigma Sigma News, and I am overjoyed to let you know that, so far, 2017 has been an amazing year for Epsilon Sigma. First, I am overjoyed to report that EΣ boasted the highest GPA among IFC organizations with an astounding 3.44 overall. Eminent Commander Roger Johnson EΣ 1207 attended College of Chapters in Lexington, VA this winter and has returned with a brilliant vision on how he plans to lead the chapter in the coming year. Despite facing Deferred Rush of first-year students, our chapter was able to recruit six upperclassmen candidates who were welcomed as Knights at the end of the Fall semester. The Chapter stands strong with 54 brothers and 9 candidates.

We cordially invite you to enjoy some wonderful cooking courtesy of Brothers Bud Richey EΣ 1231 and Rob Browne BΘ 1918 at the Alumni Wild Game Cookout Dinner that will take place at the EΣ House on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 pm.

Fraternally,

Jeremy M. Breddan, Alumni Relations Chairman EΣ 1203

**Message from the Commander**

Greetings Brother,

2017 has been very exciting for our beloved Chapter so far, and I could not be more honored to serve as Commander for the coming year. We are eagerly pursuing our second Rock Chapter award by preparing the Pursuits of Excellence document; I look forward to reporting back to you in the fall with news of Excellent marks. I am extremely proud of our continued academic success as we boast the highest IFC GPA at Rhodes with a 3.44 and seek to improve upon that in the coming semester. Epsilon Sigma continues to show great initiative in all of its actions and leads by example on our campus and in our community. Thanks to the tireless support of our alumni network and Housing Corporation, we have made numerous improvements to our chapter house that will set us on a great path towards future refurbishments. As you know, our patio has been completely replaced with one that will prevent leaks and structural damage, and our basement has been waterproofed to reduce the risk of water damage and mold. With all of these important steps behind us, we need your help in taking the next. In order to fully convert our basement into a functioning chapter room, which will allow us to dedicate more areas of the house to education, we are kicking off a GoFundMe Campaign, which has already raised \$840, to raise the remaining \$8,000 we need. You will receive further messages on how to contribute, and information regarding the campaign and the future of Epsilon Sigma in the near future. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to repay your constant good faith with further commitment to excellence.

Fraternally,  
Roger Johnson EΣ 1207  
Commander

Officer Retreat, Fall 2016



Brotherhood Pinnacle Mountain Trip, 2016



### **Brotherhood Update from the Chaplain**

Epsilon Sigma has always had a very strong brotherhood. We have a lot of very fun events scheduled for this semester; we will be going back to the Memphis Grizzlies game, an event that allows us to relax and enjoy fraternal bonding in a fun environment. Later this semester we will go paintballing as well as attending a Mississippi River Kings game, which is a new event for us. We also will be returning to Pinnacle Mountain in Arkansas to spend a day hiking and climbing with each other. We also have a ton of events planned at the house that will promote our on campus presence and help us recruit future Knights. This semester will be full of fun events for our brothers and help us create lasting memories that we hope to share when we become alumni.

Fraternally,

Michael Pabst EΣ 1236

Chaplain



Alumni and Active Brothers gathered in August after a long summer apart. Come out to enjoy the fraternal company, great weather and wonderful meals to be prepared by Brothers Bud Richey and Rob Browne this Saturday!



**Philanthropy Update**

Dear Brother,

The brothers of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter will once again be working with the sisters of the Delta Psi chapter of Delta Delta Delta at Rhodes to put on the annual Luau Fest in March, which will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additionally, brothers have continued the tradition of being active in service in the Memphis community; Brother Jeremy Breddan, a Junior from Agoura Hills, California, has taken the position of coordinator for the Kinney community service program at Rhodes in the Mentoring & Education department and founded +men, an organization aimed at promoting healthy masculinity. Brother Zach Thornton, a sophomore from Lexington Kentucky, is currently serving as Co-President of the Rhodes College Chapter of the Food Recovery Network.

Fraternally,

Shelton Clark

Philanthropy Chairman, EΣ 1194



**Spring 2017  
Faculty Advisor's Report**

Dear Brothers,

Warm fraternal greetings! My hope is this finds each and every one doing well.

The big news of late is that Epsilon Sigma hit a high water mark in academic performance for the 2016 Fall Semester. The Chapter average for the term was 3.44. This is so impressive! To provide a bit of context in how remarkable this is, the All Men's and All Greek Men's averages were 3.28, the All Greek Average was 3.38, and the All Student Average was 3.33. If the students can have a spring term as strong as the fall one, I imagine the Chapter will be in contention for the Gallagher Cup which recognizes the top scholastic chapter in Sigma Nu.

Six upperclassman students who joined in the fall term have been initiated and are engaged in meaningful ways in the work of Epsilon Sigma. Nine students joined in the spring rush season which was held earlier this semester. The Chapter continues contact with prospective members and will conduct another recruitment period for upperclassman students in the fall.

The Chapter continues commitment to service and pairs with sorority chapters on group projects while individual members find their way to campus and community initiatives that need volunteers.

The Chapter has elected good men to lead and I enjoy a weekly breakfast with the Commander and Lieutenant Commander. These check-in meetings help me keep a finger on the pulse of the activities and challenges of Epsilon Sigma. Beyond these two fellows, there are solid officers throughout the leadership ranks. The Chapter's consultant from Sigma Nu visited in the second week of February and his visit seemed to be a productive one. The timing of his visit was just about perfect given the fact that the officers began their terms in January.

Saturday, February 18, marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> gathering of the collegiate and alumni brothers over the last couple of years in which tasty food and fine fellowship have been central to our coming together. All our welcome and we hope that you will make it to this one.

Our younger brothers continue holding the Epsilon Sigma banner proudly. Local Brothers, please do your best to get to the house Saturday afternoon and meet them.

Fraternally,

Bud Richey  
HZ 169, A 260, ES 1231

*To Believe in the Life of Love, to Walk in the Way of Honor, to Serve in the Light of Truth*

*This is the Life, the Way, and the Light of Sigma Nu.*

*This is the Creed of our Fraternity*