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- Informs alumni of interesting news of the Fraternity and their brothers
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# **NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **2015 FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION**

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18 > 7:00 PM > THE SOUTHERN DEPOT

ark your Calendar! Tennessee Alpha has finalized plans for another Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18th.

The Saturday night event will be a "business casual" reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at the Southern Depot near Downtown Knoxville. This is a new venue and we hope one that will be enjoyable to everyone. Come and enjoy renewing friendships and meeting new brothers.



Please call your peers and plan to join us for a great weekend. Registration packages will be mailed soon. Please complete the forms and return them as soon as possible as pre-registration is a big help in guaranteeing numbers for the various events. See you there!



## **2015 ALUMNI BRUNCH**

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18 > 9:30 AM > THE BISTRO

We will again return to the Bistro at the Bijou for Brunch on Saturday, April 18th at 9:30 a.m. The staff at the Bistro has done an excellent job hosting our group over the years, which has made it an excellent venue. The brunch has become one of the most popular events of Alumni Weekend.

SigEps and their spouses and guests will gather for good food and even better brotherhood Saturday morning. This event always sets the tone for an enjoyable Founder's Day Reception on Saturday night. If you've never been to Brunch before, do yourself a favor and attend this year's event.

## $\sim$ in memoriam $\sim$

#### EZRA LEE "E.L." MCCONNELL,

JR. '54 – of Cameron, North Carolina passed away on September 14, 2014 at the age of 84. He was a native of Scott County, VA and lived in Bristol, TN for 51 years before moving to North Carolina in 2007. He graduated from Gate City High School in 1945 and subsequently served in the Navy. In 1954, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Tennessee. He did graduate work through the University of Tennessee Extension in the industrial engineering and business fields. He retired as an executive of Unisys/ Sperry after 32 years and actually locked the doors as the last employee at the Bristol facility. Mr. McConnell was elected to the Bristol, TN City Council and served two terms. He served on many boards and committees, including the following: Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal League, State of Tennessee Local Planning, Tri-City Airport Commission, Tennessee Electric System Board of Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia Sewer Oversight Committee of Bristol, Viking Hall Board of Control, Executive Board of the First TN Development District and Human Resource Agency, Liaison for Council to the Sullivan County Commission Meetings, Sullivan County Industrial Commission, National League of Cities, Disabled American Veterans, and was very involved in the Sullivan County Democratic Party. He was a member of Anderson Street United Methodist Church. E.L. enjoyed a good cigar and considered trading cars his hobby. After retirement he and his wife enjoyed traveling with Reverend Thrasher and Bristol Tours. ■

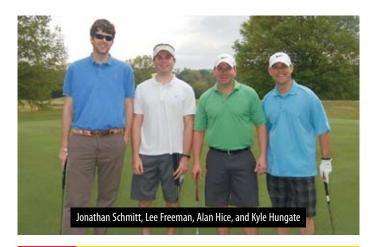
# 2015 ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH > 9:00 AM > EGWANI FARMS

Tennessee Alpha will hold it's annual golf outing on Friday, April 17th during the 2015 Founder's Day weekend. **BLAKE DORSETT '11** will serve as golf chairman and is planning a first class event at Egwani Farms Golf Course just 15 minutes from downtown Knoxville off Alcoa Highway in Rockford, TN. This location has been popular in the past, as it's convenient from downtown as well as west Knoxville. Last year's event raised over \$1,000 for the Scholarship Foundation.

Golfers of all levels are encouraged to come out and enjoy some brotherhood on the links. Many have commented this is one of the most enjoyable events of Alumni Weekend. Teams are forming now so enter your entire team or sign up as a single and be placed on a team. All efforts will be made to pair up golfers with their peers.

We hope to generate a great turnout from alumni and actives alike. Mark your calendar now and plan to bring your sticks!



PLEASE PRE-REGISTER IT IS CRUCIAL FOR MAKING TEE TIMES!



(From left) Grover Wilson, Bill Reed, Carol Wilson, and Bill Sullivan

# TENNESSEE ALPHA TO CELEBRATE 26th Hall of Fame Dinner

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH > 6:30 PM > THE CLUB LECONTE

HOSTS: GROVER WILSON '76 AND BILL SULLIVAN '65

Grover Wilson '67 and Bill Sullivan '65 will honor the Tennessee Alpha Hall of Famers, their ladies and guests during the 2015 Founder's Day Weekend with a black tie (optional) dinner on Friday evening at The Club LeConte in downtown Knoxville.

Brothers Sullivan and Wilson are continuing a tradition started by Brother Jim Clayton who first hosted during the 1989 weekend. Over the past 26 years, many brothers have continued the tradition and we appreciate their generosity.

The Hall of Fame dinner is an opportunity for those who have demonstrated their support of Tennessee Alpha to gather for an evening of fellowship while raising much needed funds for the fraternity. Individual invitations will be mailed to honorees.

Contribution level for the Hall of Fame is \$10,000, however, there is a new "Young Alumni" program available for brothers under forty. Anyone wishing to join the Hall of Fame should contact the alumni association.

#### **MISSION STATEMENTS OF TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

#### **TENNESSEE ALPHA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

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The mission of Tennessee Alpha's Educational Foundation is to provide a financial fund whereby alums and friends can give tax deductible contributions with fund earnings used to help the development and fulfillment of the scholastic, leadership, citizenship, and personal potential of active chapter brothers of Tennessee Alpha.

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#### **TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of Tennessee Alpha's Alumni Association is to plan and offer activities and programs providing continued Sigma Phi Epsilon brotherhood experiences to alums for life; to help the active chapter gain positive brotherhood experiences promoting their development of personal potential and maturity; to provide supervisory control over chapter finances; and to operate a chapter house management program assuring a quality chapter facility.

#### **TENNESSEE ALPHA HOUSING CORPORATION**

The mission of Tennessee Alpha's Housing Corporation is to provide Tennessee Alpha with an appropriate chapter house on The University of Tennessee campus through managing with the active chapter the facilities and financial affairs of the house to help secure and maintain a showplace facility.

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#### **TENNESSEE ALPHA "SPIEL"**

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# **TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMS MAKE 40 UNDER 40**

Two Tennessee Alpha SigEps were recently named to The Greater Knoxville Business Journal's 40 under Forty, presented by Lincoln Memorial University. From hundreds of nominations of individuals worthy of recognition, they aim to create a diverse group that is representative of the many ways individuals make a living in our community and make our community a better place to live. This year's honorees work for large employers, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and for themselves. They also lend their time and talents to helping others. Included in this year's class were **BRAD ADAMS '01** and **HOUSTON SMELCER '02**.



Brad Adams is the CFO of South College and has refinanced loans, negotiated new terms on existing contracts and implemented a new automated budgeting, forecasting and reporting process that has amounted to significant savings for the college. Prior to that, he was with TVA and Jewelry Television, but it was his experience in managing a natural gas audit for the Shell Co. in the Netherlands early in his

career that gave him insight into how diverse perspectives contribute to success in business.

In his spare time, he likes to run marathons, including the Boston Marathon four times and two 50-mile ultra marathons. He coaches youth soccer and track, and spends time with his wife, Misha, and their children, Hayden and Emery.



Houston Smelcer is the vice president of development and government relations for the Helen Ross McNabb Center. When he was hired at the foundation's annual fund coordinator in 2008, gross total assets were about \$7 million. today, they are approaching \$18 million. During his tenure, the foundation has also raised nearly \$4.5 million to provide housing and other services for mentally ill individuals,

including those who are homeless and veterans. He uses his background as a certified financial planner to make sure the foundation manages its assets and finances to best serve the clients.

He and his wife, Carletta, have two children, Sophia and Sloane. In his spare time, Houston enjoys spending time with his family, snow sports, and spending time on Norris Lake.

In addition to our two honored brothers, two of the ladies honored are married to SigEps. Erin Burn Freeman is a Senior Account Executive at Ackermann PR and is married to LEE FREEMAN '02. Lee and Erin have a son named John Clark. Local attorney Kacie McRee was also honored and is married to ANDREW MCREE '02. She is with the firm Baker, Donelson, Berman, Caldwell, and Berkowitz and works in corporate mergers and acquisitions. Congratulations to all the honorees!

# LETTER FROM WADE HUTCHENS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF TRANE McCLOUD'S PASSING



Dear Brothers,

It is hard to believe that December marked the 8th anniversary of the tragedy in Iraq when we lost Brother **TRANE McCLOUD.** However, when I look at a current photo of the three wonderful children he left behind, it is easy to see that passage of

time. Hayden is now a sophomore at West Potomac High School in Northern Virginia. He's already taking mock ACT's and driving around on a learner's permit. Beautiful Grace is in the 8th grade, and adorable little Meghan is not so little anymore...she is already in 5th grade.

The point of mentioning this is that our time to raise scholarship funds before they start being depleted is running short. To date we have raised nearly \$90,000, which is not quite a third of the realistic goal we set when this drive started to raise \$100,000 per child. We have been blessed by the generosity of the Brothers listed here. Several are regular contributors. I'd sure love to see more participants at any amount, and frankly we need the help. We should have strength in numbers on our side, and we have a time span from 2017 to 2033 where these funds can directly benefit the McCloud children.

Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. That is what we committed to when we joined Sigma Phi Epsilon and that is what I'm asking of you today. Please join me in making a commitment and seeing it through.

Fraternally, WADE HUTCHENS '89

#### WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK THESE BROTHERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS:

'57 Allen Elkins'84 Mark Nix'89 Brad Bowles'89 Wade Hutchens'90 Doug Derrick

'90 John Kilday '90 Robert Leonard '92 Jon Nix '92 Robert Pardue '92 Kelly Williams

'93 Steve Senkus '94 Timothy Johnson '94 Brandon Walters '99 Aaron Hice

TO DONATE, CONTACT WADE HUTCHENS AT WADE.HUTCHENS@FERGUSON.COM OR CALL 828-606-3391

# KEITH HARE PROMOTED TO PRESIDENT AND CEO OF HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

**KEITH HARE '97** has been named President and CEO of Virginia Health Care Association. Prior to his promotion, he was Vice-President of Government Relations. Keith also spent four years working in the Office of the Governor as Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services for Virginia. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration at Virginia Tech and will graduate this May.

Keith and his wife, Emily have three children: Charlotte, Ava, and Lyle. He enjoys spending time with his family, Vols football, running, skiing, and golf. We hope to see Keith and Emily back in Knoxville for Founder's Day in April. ■



#### **2014 SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTRIBUTORS**

**Ginger Dougherty Ilene Rainwater** '49 Don MacLeod '50 Leo Holloway, Jr. '52 Mark Venrick '54 Tom McCord '55Jim Daniel '56 Jim Clayton '57 Hugh Bell, III '57 Joe Clayton '57 Myron Peck, IV '58 Lockwood Marine\* '58 Earl Rainwater '58 Rick Scoble '59 Bill Reed '59 Bill Ring '59 John Stephens '60 Bill Hope, Jr. '60 David Morgan '61 Don Barber '62 J.C. Tucker

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'15 Robby Billings

# BRANDON COULTER IS MAKING A Splash as a pro fisherman

At age 44, Tennessee Alpha's **BRANDON COULTER '92** calls himself a "graybearded rookie." His wealth of bass fishing and life experiences bode well for his 2015 Bassmaster Elite Series rookie season. He finished fifth in the Northern Open point standings last year and has made the money in 10 of the 15 Bassmaster Opens he has competed in.

Coulter's love of bass fishing was instilled in him when he was growing up, just outside of Philadelphia. "My goal was to be a Bassmaster fisherman," Coulter said. As soon as Coulter turned 16, the minimum age required to fish Red Man tournaments, he signed on. Coulter finished among the Top 30 in the points standings his first two years on the Red Man tour. When he enrolled at the University of Tennessee and joined Sigma Phi Epsilon, Coulter started out fishing the Volunteer Division of the Red Man trail. "I was spending way too much time fishing and not enough on my studies," Coulter said. "I had to stop fishing, or I'd fail out of college." After graduating in 1992, Coulter prospered at a Knoxville advertising agency for more than a decade. Later, Coulter started a successful construction company, which he luckily sold in 2005, before the housing market crashed. About this time, Coulter and his wife, DeAnna, started a State Farm Insurance agency.

With DeAnna in charge, Coulter finally had time to pursue tournament fishing again. He fished the FLW Series in 2006 and has competed in the FLW Tour ever since. Now that Coulter has qualified for the Elite Series through the Bassmaster Opens, the Elites are his top priority. **GOOD LUCK BROTHER COULTER!** 

### 54TH GRAND CHAPTER CONCLAVE august 12-16, 2015 > Nashville, TN > gaylord opryland hotel

The 54th Grand Chapter Conclave will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, from August 12 - 16, 2015 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. SigEp's Grand Chapter Conclave is the largest gathering of fraternity brothers in the world. Over 1,400 brothers and guests descend on one resort for five action-packed days every other summer. Nobody forgets their first Conclave, and there's a reason brothers keep coming back for more. With Conclave being in our own back yard, we will have a large number of undergraduates in attendance, and we hope to have a large number of Tennessee Alpha alumni in attendance as well. Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend!



# HAPPENINGS TOWNSEND PLANNING RETREAT

#### FEBRUARY 6-7, 2015 > THE TALLEY HO INN > TOWNSEND, TN

igEps, spouses, and guests gathered for the annual planning retreat in Townsend at the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. The weekend was a great mix of business and socializing. On Friday evening, those who arrived early enjoyed drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres in front of the fire at the cottage of the Talley Ho with the active chapter officers. It was a great evening of brotherhood thanks to the ladies who brought all the great food!

Business was the order of the day on Saturday morning as we reviewed and solicited input of alumni programming including alumni events and the Spiel. Fundraising efforts for the Scholarship Foundation were also discussed and goals set for the upcoming year. Long-range plans for fundraising for a new chapter house were discussed as well. Seth Irby, Director of Operations at SigEp Headquarters, gave an update on the national fraternity and the Balanced Man Program. Chapter officers also attended the morning session and gave an update on the active chapter. After a morning of work, everyone enjoyed a casual lunch at a local restaurant. After wrapping up a few details, the afternoon was free for rest and socializing in the cottage in front of the fire. Following happy hour, the group had a nice lasagna dinner, and then enjoyed a nice evening of brotherhood in front of the fire with plenty of entertaining stories from "the good ole days".

Thanks to all the SigEps and spouses who attended the annual planning retreat. What a great weekend of fun, business, and brotherhood. If you've never attended a planning retreat, we would like your input. Everyone please plan to join us next February for another great SigEp event. Watch the Spiel and website for more details. ■





Sean Murphy (Center) welcomes visitors from Headquarters. Seth Irby (L) and Davis Orr (R)





It was a productive session (Back row from left) Marty Yarbrough, Kelly Williams, and Seth Irby (Front frow from left) Davis Orr, Mark Sparkman, Alan Hice, Ray Greer, and David Purser.



Sparky welcomes the actives (From left) Chris Sherry, David Ford, Colin Roberson, and Mark Sparkman Actives at the planning retreat (Back row from left) Grayson Mullin, Blake Pugh, Clay England, Jacob Nagy, and Sean Murphy. (Front row from left) Jordan Hite, Colin Roberson, Chris Sherry, and David Ford

#### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

#### Officers: Mark Sparkman, President Kelly Williams, Vice-President Alan Hice, Treasurer Rob Carroll, Secretary

#### **Committees:**

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# FINANCIALS **VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES**

ennessee Alpha's alumni program and SPIEL publication are made possible through the generous support of alums and friends like you. Each year SigEp alums are requested to voluntarily contribute to the Tennessee Alpha Alumni Association through the Voluntary Alumni Dues (VAD) program

Items financed by the VAD include:

- Publishing the SPIEL
- Alumni events
- Maintaining address files
- Alumni promotions
- Supplies and postage
- Chapter archives and photos

Over each of the past eighteen years, more than 400 alums consistently responded to this request with the largest number (448) contributing in 2001. In 2014, a total of **360 alums** responded. Although Tennessee Alpha alums consistently reach a forty percent and higher response to the voluntary dues request, the Alumni Association has long held a response goal of fifty percent. Serving as the VAD Chairs for 2015 are **BRIAN SHUGART '94** and **AARON SNYDER '87**.

Tennessee Alpha's current mailing list includes over fourteen hundred alums. An estimated 50-100 alumni addresses are believed to be parents' or business addresses, which may or may not mean their mail is actually received. You can help in our effort to keep our alumni database current by keeping your information up-to-date and by locating "lost" brothers. Please submit address changes to the Alumni Association Secretary, **ROB CARROLL '68**.

Voluntary Alumni Dues Honor Roll recognizes annual support. Contributing alumni are recognized year-to-date in each SPIEL through the Honor Roll, which recognizes all contributions. Forty dollars (\$40) is the suggested amount. However, any contribution is appreciated. Checks may be payable to: SPE Alumni, or you may pay online.

A special thanks is extended to those alums who have made the SPIEL and other alumni activities possible and continue to prove that Sigma Phi Epsilon is a "lifetime experience."

## »» ATTENTION BROTHERS! ««

#### 2015 VAD GOALS

1) 450 PARTICIPATING ALUMNI

\$25,000 IN DUES RECEIVED

Please help us achieve our goal by sending your VAD contribution today.

#### THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT TN ALPHA FINANCIALLY!



#### FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

#### INCOME

Dues Received\$	25,120.00
Total Income \$	25,120.00

#### **EXPENSES PAID**

Postage/Mailing\$	5,298.78	
Administrative	2,941.87	
Supplies	5,117.00	
Spring SPIEL	2,987.82	
Summer SPIEL	3,814.77	
Fall SPIEL	3,132.83	
Fall Gathering	602.61	
To Reserve	1,224.32	
TOTAL EXPENSES \$25,120.00		

Fraternally, Alan Hice, Treasurer Knoxville, TN

#### PLEASE PAY YOUR VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES ONLINE!

It's quick and easy with a secure payment through PayPal. You can pay whether you have an existing PayPal account or not. Just go to:

#### WWW.TNALPHA.COM/DONATE

#### Donate

G living money to our chapter is the lifeline to future generations that will walk through the red doors at the University of Tennessee. From the SPIEL, scholarships, and the housing project we need your help to keep these endeavors going. All donatons are 100% tax deductible and can be made quickly and easily online or by mail. Give today and keep our legacy airve for future generations of Tennessee Alpha brothers.

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# **FINANCIALS 2014 VAD HONOR ROLL**

#### FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

## » DID YOU KNOW

A Tennessee Alphan has been featured on the front page of *The Journal* six times and Ayres Hall was the feature photo one issue as well.

Brian Boatright **Ginger Dougherty** Jenny McBride Maggie McCloud Todd McElhatton llene Rainwater Keith Becklin **Richard Burris** 

#### 1940s

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#### '89 Jay Wilson '89 Rusty Woy 1990s

'90 Bill Asp '90 Jimmy Barker '90 Ben Brook '90 Billy Campbell '90 John Chamberlain '90 Doug Derrick '90 Jeff Hickman '90 Andy Holmes '90 Bob Leonard '90 Jeff O'Keefe '90 Evan Pardue '90 Mike Patterson '90 Alan Romack '90 Tony Ward '91 Todd Gertschen '91 Michael McGregor '91 Jason Regnier '92 James Bell '92 J.J. Hoynacki, II '92 Jon Nix '92 Ed Reisinger '92 Mark Sparkman '92 Kelly Williams '93 Karl Berling '93 Jeremy Biggs '93 Chris Bollinger '93 Jay Bonds, Jr. '93 Mike Gower '93 William Martin, Jr. '93 Chris Slover **'94 Bruce Coakley** '94 Chad Doyle '94 Patrick Droke '94 Johnny Hatfield '94 Connor Johnson '94 Brian Shugart 94 Brandon Walter '95 Yancey Arterburn '95 Dennis Hall '95 Danny Howe '95 Simon Kasiewicz '95 Brandon Smith '96 Kyle Carsten '96 Chris Reeves '96 Lans Slack '96 J.C. Warnick '96 Jason White '96 Chris Wright '97 David Corley '97 Phil Garner

'97 Keith Hare '97 Derek Schoo '98 Ryan Jewett '98 Whit Lee '98 Steve Noland '98 Ben Rogers '99 Andy Baggenstoss '99 Matt Dorsey '99 Aaron Hice '99 Alan Hice '99 Kyle Hungate '99 Jonathan Schmitt '99 Leland Smith '99 Dusty Stephens '01 Brad Adams

#### 2000s

'02 Aaron Barbe '02 Jeff Foldenauer '03 Andrew Foust '03 Blake Harris '03 Chris Naipave '03 Ben Parsley III '03 Dave Pursei '03 Richard Wright '04 Eric Bibb '04 John Noblin **'05 Whit Dulin** '06 Matthew Bobrowski '06 Ryan Locker '06 Jay Moneyhun, Ji '06 Clark Schmidt ′06 Jeremy Shannon ′06 Rob Wilson '06 Kevin York '07 Michael Chirico '07 Stuart Saylor '07 Tom Whitworth '08 Jonathan Burlison '08 Patrick Hughes 2010s

'10 Matt Dakin '10 Graham Goodman '12 John Chirico '13 Blake Hollis '13 Matthew Yatsula

## THOMAS WILLIAMS HONORED

'63 Dick Weiss

'63 Jerre Wilson

'64 Dick Beaver

′64 Ken Ethridge

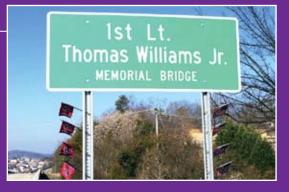
'64 Ray Myatt, Jr.

64 Ron Roberts

'64 Bill Tyler, Jr.

'64 David Amonette

TA bridge in Knox County was dedicated to a fallen National Guardsman and SigEp Fraternity Brother on Monday morning, November 24, 2014. 1st. Lt. Thomas Williams '07 and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel Cole were killed in 2011 during a routine military training. An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter they were flying in went down in Campbell County. The bridge was dedicated to Brother Williams who is an alumnus of the Tennessee Alpha Chapter. It's at the intersection of I-140 and Bluegrass Road. Many who knew Williams best were at the dedication ceremony. The bridge is regularly frequented by the soldier's unit. "So the brothers and sisters he worked with everyday are here. They train at McGhee Tyson. So they drive down this part of I-140 every single day. This is a memorial that will keep his memory alive," said Major General Terry M. "Max" Haston with the Tennessee Army National Guard. "It makes us feel like Thomas really hasn't been forgotten. His fellow troops were right up there standing tall in the street," said T.J. Williams, the fallen soldier's father.



# ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS CHAPTER ATTENDS CARLSON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

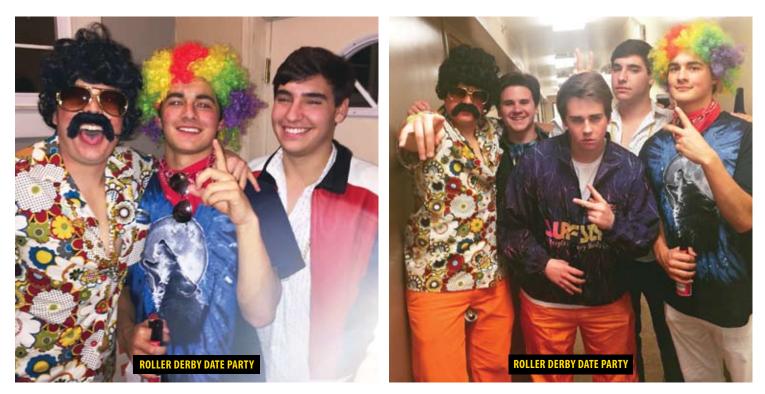
group of twelve chapter officers and leaders of Tennessee Alpha attended the recent Carlson Leadership Academy (Carlson) in Atlanta. Carlson provides interactive officer training to over 2,600 undergraduates and volunteers annually. Attending an Academy ensures an officer will have the skills to manage a committee and follow through on their goals. The program also helps executive boards work together to ensure they all have goals consistent with a unified vision for the chapter.

The Academies are held in February, soon after most officer elections, and chapters are encouraged to bring all new officers, rising chapter leaders and engaged volunteers. Tennessee Alpha took full advantage, bringing all the new executive committee officers as well as some future leaders and committee chairman.



Carlson provides education for each specific officer position, as well as strategic planning and goal setting, and chapter leadership. The program emphasizes the use of each officer's individual strengths to build a complete team. Participants spend time on chapter analysis, large and small group sessions and informal interactions with other chapters. Participants will enhance their skill sets and leadership abilities to help them as chapter officers, in other leadership roles, in group projects and eventually in the work force for the rest of their lives. Carlson participants return to campus with a better understanding of their position, as well as a holistic strategy for moving their chapter forward.

More than 150 seasoned volunteers from across the country share their experiences as facilitators during the program. Included in that group of volunteers are **KELLY WILLIAMS** '92 and **BRYCE GEISLER** '78. Kelly facilitated a session on Leadership and Professional Development in Atlanta, and Bryce led the Vice President of Communications track in Oklahoma City.



#### » MORE HIGHLIGHTS «

The chapter has implemented a Sound **Body Program for** brothers and pledges who wish to participate

The chapter is planning a spring formal at Tybee Island The chapter is doing a chili cookout to benefit SigEp's national fraternity, Big **Brothers Big Sisters** 

The chapter has a brotherhood trip planned to attend the Carolina Cup this spring













#### TENNESSEE ALPHA WELCOMES

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

#### NAME

**HOMETOWN** 

..Knoxville, TN ...Dallas, TX

John Broyles..... David Dillard ..... Carson East.....Nashville, TN Geoff Germino.....Nashville, TN Evan Greve ..... ...Signal Mountain, TN Tanner Lowery ......Morristown, TN Keyanoush Namjoupanah ...Nashville, TN Israel Okitalunyi ......Knoxville, TN William Pilkinton .....Columbia, TN ..Columbia, TN Dan Revere.....Franklin, TN Cody Widdows .....Chattanooga, TN

#### **NEW INITIATES:**

Alec Dumke......Kingsport, TN Alex Hager ...... Knoxville, TN Ben Jones......Dyersburg, TN Ben Rochester ..... Richmond, VA Brandon Harris..... Cleveland, TN Cade Smith.....Brentwood, TN Chance Bouldin ..... Brentwood, TN Chris Hare.....Franklin, TN Christian Colvard ...... Chattanooga, TN Clint Perkins ...... Dyersburg, TN Cole Harris......Knoxville, TN Garret Atwood .....Nashville, TN Graham Tudor ......Nashville, TN Grant Parsons.....Brentwood TN Gus Osgood ..... Fayetteville, TN Hayden White ...... Knoxville, TN Hunter Cook ......Nolensville, TN Hunter Logue ...... Columbia, TN Isaac Raines ...... Chattanooga, TN Jack Fletcher ..... Chattanooga, TN Jason McCord ......Maryville, TN Joe Chirico...... Wv Joey Barnes.....Brentwood, TN John Hennen..... Chattanooga, TN Jon Ohanian ...... Chantilly, VA Jonathan Wilson ......Clarksville, TN Jonathan Workman......Dickson, TN Joshua Black ...... Morristown, TN Kenneth Hernon.....Tazewell, TN Lucas Hicks..... Chattanooga, TN Luke Hopkins......Knoxville, TN Malcolm Blair.....Greeneville, TN Max Heeran.....Nashville, TN Nick Badger.....Brentwood, TN Nick McGirl.....Chattanooga, TN Peyton Cherry ...... Knoxville, TN Preston Parks ..... Columbia, TN Reid Barber ..... Franklin, TN Robin Klingensmith ......Brentwood, TN Ryan Harper ..... South Fulton, TN Ryan Mink..... Chattanooga, TN Sam Williamson ..... Chattanooga, TN Shane Etherton ...... Chattanooga, TN Stephen Lorino...... Knoxville, TN Taylor Maitland ..... Nashville, TN Ted Sacripanti .....Purcellville, VA Tyler Davis...... Franklin, TN Will King ......Gatlinburg, TN Zach Cole.....Knoxville, TN Zach Deason.....Kingsport, TN Zach Anderson .....Nashville, TN Zack Isaacs ......Knoxville, TN

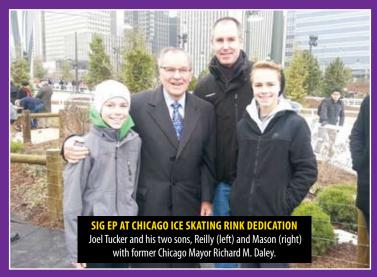
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