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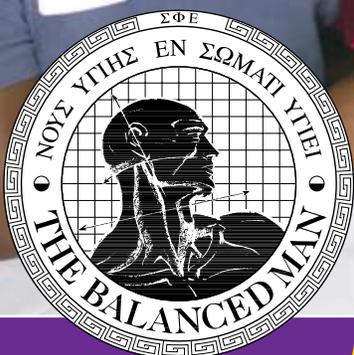
# SPECIAL

TENNESSEE ALPHA

## TN ALPHA CELEBRATES 103 YEARS!

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A publication for the alums, actives, and friends of Tennessee Alpha which:

- Informs alumni of interesting news of the Fraternity and their brothers
- Promotes alumni events offering alums opportunities for continued Sigma Phi Epsilon experiences
- Secures alumni support for worthy chapter projects
- Meets the interests and needs of Tennessee Alpha brothers

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**NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2016 FALL GATHERING**

**OCTOBER 14, 2016 > CALHOUN'S AT TURKEY CREEK**

**A**lumni and actives along with spouses and guests, will gather at Calhoun's in Turkey Creek on Friday night before the Alabama game to enjoy some SigEp brotherhood. The tradition started in 2007 when we gathered at the Bridgeview Grill. Since then, we have traditionally gathered on Friday night before the Alabama and Georgia home games. The Turkey creek location provides plenty of parking. This informal gathering gives attendees the opportunity to spend time with their brothers in a relaxing atmosphere. On Saturday, those who wish may gather in Fraternity Park in front of the chapter house for tailgating and more brotherhood. Make plans to join us this year for another great weekend as Butch Jones leads our football program towards hopefully – a great season. Go Vols! ■

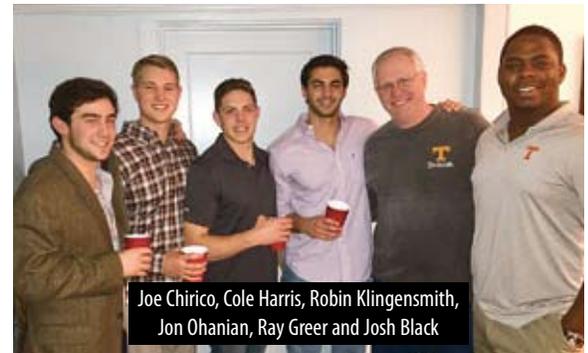


(From left) Bryce Giesler, Wade Hutchens, and Scott Gentile

**TOWNSEND PLANNING RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 19-20, 2016 > THE TALLEY HO INN > TOWNSEND, TN**

SigEps, 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. Long-range plans for fundraising for a new chapter house were discussed as well. Zach Stull from SigEp headquarters gave a presentation of services that National Housing can provide. Chapter officers also attended the morning session and gave an update on the active chapter and the rebuilding process. 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 an 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. ■



Joe Chirico, Cole Harris, Robin Klingensmith, Jon Ohanian, Ray Greer and Josh Black

## IN MEMORIAM

**BOBBY JOE ALLEN '56** – Died Thursday, March 24, 2016 at his residence in Jackson Heights. The Maury County native was the son of the late Reverend R. F. Allen and Gladys Gibson Allen. He was a 1952 graduate of Columbia Central High School and attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. A long-time self employed business man he owned and operated several businesses in Columbia, including Smith & Allen Glass Upholstery & Body Shop, Dixie Maid Restaurant, Grill & Snack Bar at Columbia Bowling Lanes, Allen's Car Center and most recently Lucille's Restaurant for twenty-six years with his wife. He loved his pets and was always willing to take in strays. Mr. Allen was a member of First Assembly of God and former member of the Civitan & Exchange Club. ■

**ROSS E. BIRCHFIELD, JR. '59** – Of Maryville, passed away May 11, 2016. He was born in Elizabethton, Tennessee and moved to Maryville as an infant. He graduated from Maryville High School, the University of Tennessee and the University of Tennessee College of Law. After serving as a Captain in the United States Army JAG Corps at Ft. Benning, Georgia, he returned to Maryville and entered the private practice of law. He retired from the law and joined his father, Ross E. Birchfield, Sr., in running the family business, Ross Furniture Company. He was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church and had been very active in the community. He loved watching Maryville High and UT play football, traveling, and fishing on Anna Maria Island, Florida. ■

**PASCAL E. "BUD" HANCOCK '55** – Died on December 18, 2015. Bud spent over 21 yrs in the Air Force as a Navigator and instructor and ROTC teacher, and won the Distinguished Service Cross in Vietnam, retiring as a major. He had five children all of whom are following in his footsteps, and he was proud of the accomplishments and faith also of his twelve grandchildren. He wrote songs, played the guitar, was active in many sports during and after the Air Force, such as golf, track, racketball, some basketball, and baseball. He loved to play sports with his children, and he loved camping with them also. Bud is always known by his smile and happy

greetings, and he never met a stranger. The family while stationed in Germany traveled constantly, sleeping in the old VW bus. Later, he became a realtor, but most of his life was spent in the Lord's work. He was one of the founding elders of two churches, where he also taught, and sometimes preached. He and his wife Nancy spent about 20 years in summer missions with young people overseas, and led many adult teams also. His greatest joy was in serving the Lord. Although he was losing everything with Alzheimers disease, he still smiled and showed his love in other ways. He was buried with Military Honors. ■

**EZRA LEE "E.L." MCCONNELL, JR. '54** – Of Cameron, North Carolina entered into rest on September 14, 2014. 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 and subsequently served in the Navy. After his service, 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. E.L. enjoyed a good cigar and considered trading cars his hobby. He was a member of Anderson Street United Methodist Church. ■

**BOB "SPIDER" PICKEL '55** – Passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Brother Pickel was a resident of Dahlonega, Georgia at the time of his passing and was a member of Oak Grove UMC in Atlanta. Bob was a frequent attendee at SigEp Founder's Day functions and would keep the brothers entertained with his sense of humor. ■

**EDWIN L. SMITH '62**, – Passed away October, 4, 2015. After attending the University of Tennessee, Ed earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois, a Master's Degree from Florida State University, and a Doctorate in Music from the University of Kentucky. Ed began his teaching career at

Birmingham Southern College in Alabama. Brother Smith then taught at the University of Kentucky as a graduate assistant, and then moved to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1974, where he taught music theory for 27 years. He also participated in the foreign exchange program in 1996 when he taught at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. Ed loved to play the piano and for 10 years, directed the Chippewa Valley Community Chorus performing major choral works. He served as choir director and/or organist at Lake Street United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Our Savior's Lutheran, and most recently Chapel Heights United Methodist. He enjoyed collecting old cars, traveling extensively, SEC football, sitting on the deck reading the paper, and dining out with family and friends. ■

**LARRY WINTERS '66** – Of Lenoir City died at his home on May 26th following his very courageous battle with a lengthy illness. His family was closest to his heart and Larry could often be overheard saying that he derived his greatest joys from his two sons. Known for his deep faith, quick wit, infectious laughter, unselfishness, and optimistic spirit, Larry graduated from the University of Tennessee where he found true brotherhood in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, in particular the "Melrose Group" and "Brothers Bill". Larry had a thirst for learning which led to his receiving advanced degrees from the University of Southern California and Vanderbilt University. He was a Captain in the U.S. Army, serving as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, and was the recipient of numerous recognitions for his courage in combat, including two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, one Bronze Star With Valor, the Purple Heart, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and numerous air medals of which he was quietly very proud. He loved his Country and served it valiantly. Larry was a manufacturing operations manager for several large corporations throughout the country. Upon his retirement in 2004 he undertook another career in real estate. A faithful member of Church Street UMC, Larry belonged to the Pathfinders Sunday School Class, served as an usher and was a valued volunteer in the Soup Kitchen. ■

## ALAN HICE TO STEP DOWN AFTER OVER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

When Burl Rainwater announced his retirement in 2006, it took about 6 volunteers to take his place. Key among those was **ALAN HICE '99**, who took over as Treasurer of the Alumni Association. Alan has been instrumental in the restructuring of our alumni program and continuing the excellence maintained by Brother Rainwater for over 30 years.

Due to a new job that will take him away from downtown and family obligations, Brother Hice has decided to "hand over the reins" to another volunteer. Tennessee Alpha is lucky to have had two brothers step forward. **BROTHERS WILL TERRELL '85** and **KYLE DIONISIO '14** have agreed to serve. Will holds the official title of Treasurer and Kyle is assistant treasurer. We are very grateful they have volunteered.

"Alan has done a tremendous job over the past ten years and we will miss his service, but we will still see him at our alumni events," says AVC President, **MARK SPARKMAN '92**. Alan is a member of the Hall of Fame, and was recently recognized by the National Fraternity as one of "SigEps 40 under 40" for his volunteer work and career success. Alan was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service at the recent Hall of Fame dinner. ■



Alan and Shauna Hice enjoying a SigEp event.

# HAPPENINGS

## HALL OF FAME DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016 > THE CLUB LECONTE

**S**igma Phi Epsilon's Tennessee Alpha Hall of Fame members were hosted to a marvelous dinner at Club LeConte during the 2016 Founder's Day Weekend. Club LeConte has been a favorite venue over the years.

Eligibility for selection into the Hall of Fame is based on contribution of time and finances (\$10,000 as of May 1, 1999) to Tennessee Alpha. The young alumni program recognizes members under 40 years of age at the \$5,000 level.

Over 50 SigEp alumni and actives attended the event with their wives and guests as **BRYCE GEISLER '78**, Victoria Hawkins, **RAY GREER '76**, and **MIKE HICKEY '76** served as the host. The event began with a gala reception followed by a gourmet dinner.

The event raised over \$8,000 for the Scholarship Foundation and Housing Corporation. Thanks to all our Hall of Famers for your generous support and a big thanks to our hosts for a wonderful evening! ■



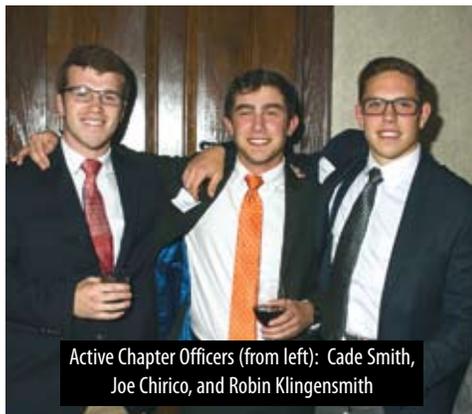
Joe Clayton (r) visits with Jim Clayton and Michell Witt



Our Hosts (from left): Ray Greer, Bryce Geisler, Victoria Hawkins, and Mike Hickey



Kelly and Ronni Williams (left) visit with Colleen Reuter and Robby Billings



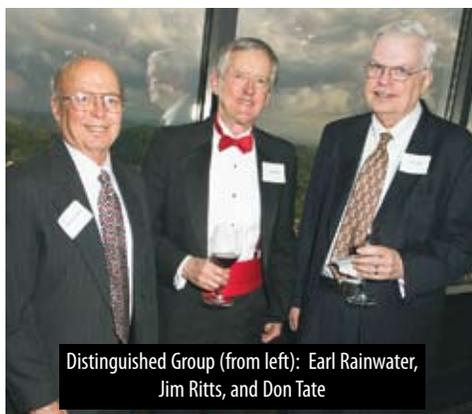
Active Chapter Officers (from left): Cade Smith, Joe Chirico, and Robin Klingensmith



The host with the most – Bryce Geisler



Josh Black (left) and Joe Chirico



Distinguished Group (from left): Earl Rainwater, Jim Ritts, and Don Tate



Jim Daniel (left) chats with Josh Black



Mike Hickey (left) welcomes new brother Ed Daniel



Will Terrell (left) visits with Shauna Hice



Serious Discussion? (from left) Earl Rainwater, Jim Daniel, and Kelly Williams



Earl Rainwater (left) and Mark Sparkman



David Morgan (left) visits with host, Bryce Geisler



David Morgan (left) and Earl Rainwater having fun



Robin Klingensmith (left) visits with Brad and Alex Clower



Josh Black, Micah Ashlock, Polly Wilson and Grant Lisle



Fun group (from left) Mark Sparkman, Cade Smith, Cole Harris, and Teresa Ackerman



From Richmond – Carl Gerhardt (center) visits with Ray Greer (left) and David Morgan



Back in my day... Kelly Williams (left) visits with Chapter President, Joe Chirico



Ray Greer (right) welcomes Regional Director, Carl Gerhardt (LSU Chapter – LA Beta)



Ronni Entertains (from left) Ronni Williams, Bryce Geisler, and Joe Chirico

# ALUMNI BRUNCH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016 > THE BISTRO**

**S**aturday morning was kicked off with the annual Alumni Brunch held at the Bistro by the Bijou. We have held the event at several different locations, but the Bistro remains a very popular venue. SigEps and guests were treated to a choice of three delicious meal options including pork tenderloin, breakfast frittata, and Eggs Benedict. However, brotherhood was the order of the day as many renewed friendships and reminisced about old times. Sixty alumni, spouses, actives, and guests enjoyed the event which remains one of the most popular events of Founder's Day weekend. After the brunch, the Scholarship Foundation held their bi-annual meeting at Clayton Bank and Trust. The rest of the afternoon was free for relaxing and getting ready for the reception on Saturday night. If you have never attended the brunch, do yourself a favor and plan to attend next year as it's very enjoyable and sets the tone for the wonderful celebration on Saturday night. Call you peers and have them join you ... you won't regret it! ■



(from left) Mike Hickey, Carl Gerhardt, Bryce Geisler, and Victoria Hawkins



(from left) Helen Tate, Will & Carolyn Terrell, and Don Tate



Charles Deck (left) visits with Ilene Rainwater



Jon Ohanian (left) visits with alumni (from left) Bob Boatwright, Kelly Williams, and Ray Greer



Actives Cade Smith (left) and Robin Klingensmith share the positive things going on in the chapter with alumni and wives.



Classy Group (from left) Walt Anen, Charles & Diane Deck, Ilene Rainwater, and Sid Gilbreath



(From left) Dolores Daniel, LeAnne and Ed Daniel



Cheers! (from left) Mike Hickey and Bryce Geisler



Bob Boatwright (left) visits with actives Joe Chirico and Josh Black



"Earl, you sit here!" – Dolores Daniel and Earl Rainwater



Cade Smith (right) introduces himself to Earl Rainwater



Classy Couple – Bryce Geisler and Victoria Hawkins



"When I was your age!" – Ray Greer (right) talking to Jon Ohanian and Cole Harris



Walt Anen (right) visits with Diane and Charles Deck



Elegant Couple – Leo Holloway and Irene Ballard

# FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016 > THE SOUTHERN DEPOT**

**S**igEps from around the country gathered in Knoxville this Spring as Tennessee Alpha celebrated another Founder's Day weekend and 103 years at The University of Tennessee. On Saturday night, SigEps and guests gathered at The Southern Depot for a first class reception which featured heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The change from the more traditional sit-down dinner allowed for more for alumni to see old friends, meet the undergraduates, and renew the bonds of brotherhood. This change in venue has been well received and the responses have been very positive. What a great weekend of brotherhood. Thanks to all who attended and we hope to see you next year! ■



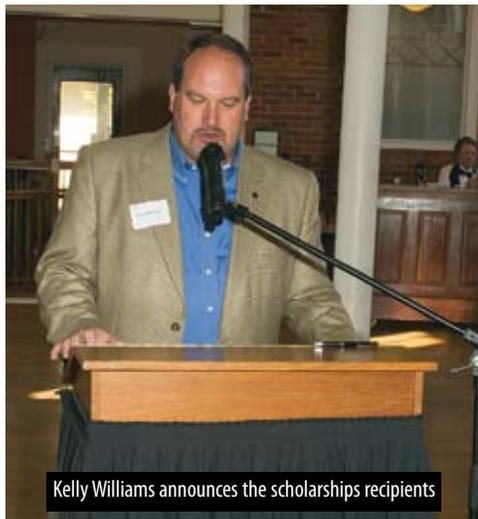
SigEp is a family affair. From left: LeAnne and Ed Daniel, Richard and Karen Burris, and Delores and Jim Daniel



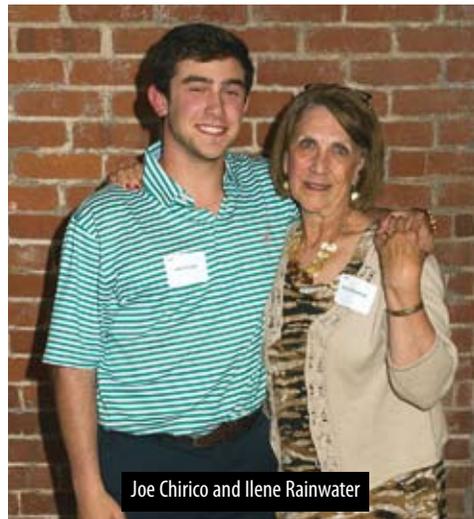
Mark Sparkman, Ronni and Kelly Williams



Director of Greek Life, Lindi Smedberg, and Ray Greer



Kelly Williams announces the scholarships recipients



Joe Chirico and Ilene Rainwater



Father and son - Ed and Jim Daniel



Ray Greer, Mike Hickey and Mark Sparkman



TN Alpha alums and actives celebrate together



Josh Black and Bryce Giesler



Ronni and Kelly Williams



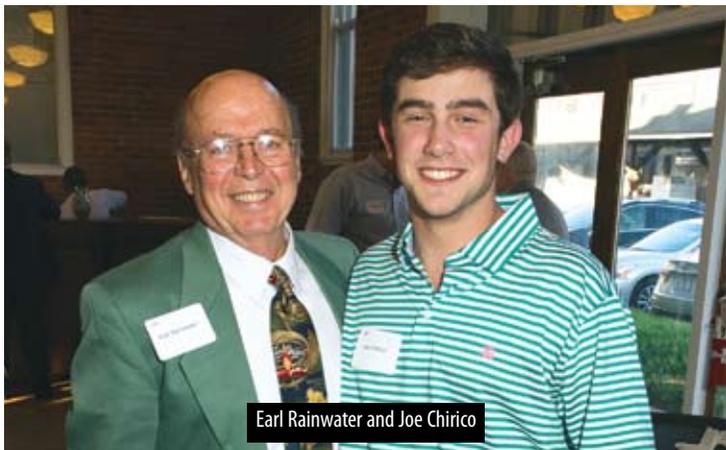
Adam Kowalski, Mark Sparkman and Lindi Smedberg



Abby Peachey and Beach Galloway with Virginia and Earl Rainwater



Kelly Williams, Carl Gerhardt and Mark Sparkman



Earl Rainwater and Joe Chirico

# VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES

## 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

THROUGH JUNE 2016

**T**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 nineteen years, more than 400 alums consistently responded to this request with the largest number (448) contributing in 2001. In 2015, a total of **300 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 2016 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! «««

#### 2016 VAD GOALS

- ① 400 PARTICIPATING ALUMNI
- ② \$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!**

#### INCOME:

Dues received.....	\$ 12,935
Additional Dues needed.....	6,765
Total Income .....	\$ 19,800

#### EXPENSES PAID:

Postage/Mailing.....	\$ 10
Administrative .....	285
Supplies .....	1,005
Total Paid:.....	\$ 1,300

#### EXPENSES BUDGETED:

Postage/Mailing.....	\$ 3,000
Administrative .....	1,500
Supplies .....	2,000
Fall Gathering .....	1,500
Spring Spiel.....	3,500
Summer Spiel .....	3,500
Fall Spiel .....	3,500

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$19,800**

■ *Fraternalty, Will Terrell and 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

Giving 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 donations are 100% tax deductible and can be made quickly and easily online or by mail. Give today and keep our legacy alive for future generations of Tennessee Alpha brothers.

#### Alumni Association

The purpose of Tennessee Alpha's Alumni Association is to plan and offer activities and programs which provide continued brotherhood experiences for life and works with the active chapter to promote a positive brotherhood experience for all members. The Alumni Association plans quality events for alumni and undergraduates alike and publishes a nationally renown, award winning newsletter. The SPIEL keeps alumni abreast of current alumni news, alumni events, and undergraduate news and information.



**DONATE**



Click the **"DONATE"** link under **"Alumni Association"** and you will be connected to PayPal.

# 2016 VAD HONOR ROLL

**THROUGH JUNE 2016**

**DID YOU KNOW**

The Tennessee Alpha Chapter has awarded over \$100,000 in Balanced Man Scholarships since 1992.



Richard Burris  
Ginger Dougherty  
Maggie McCloud  
Todd McElhatton  
Ilene Rainwater

**1940s**

'47 Robert Shafer, Jr

**1950s**

'50 Leo Holloway, Jr.  
'50 Virg Huston  
'50 Odell Leinart  
'51 Howard Prince Jr.  
'52 James Martin  
'52 Mark Venrick  
'52 Carl Walker  
'53 Nobal King, Jr.  
'53 Wayne Smith  
'54 Gene Koonce  
'54 Tom McCord  
'54 Jerry Palmer  
'54 Jack Thornton, Jr.  
'55 Dave Cottrell  
'55 Jim Daniel  
'55 Gordon Goodgame  
'55 Glenn Horner Jr  
'56 Ray Chumley, Jr.  
'56 Jim Marine  
'57 Bob Chambers  
'57 Allen Elkins  
'57 Harold Lane  
'57 Jerry McCracken  
'57 Myron Peck, IV

'58 Walt Anen  
'58 Charlie Deck  
'58 Sid Gilbreath, II  
'58 Gil Gilliland  
'58 Garrett Kivett, Jr.  
'58 Earl Rainwater  
'58 Rick Scoble  
'59 Jim Fox  
'59 Herb McCartney  
'59 Bill Reed  
'59 Ed Smith  
'59 John Stephens  
'59 Joe Waters

**1960s**

'60 Bill Hargrove  
'60 Bill Hope, Jr.  
'60 Earl Kennedy  
'60 Charlie Miller  
'60 David Morgan  
'60 Bob Qualls  
'60 Barry Romoser  
'60 Harry Tucker  
'61 Don Dowden  
'61 Tom Jackson  
'61 Sam Qualls  
'61 Ron Sienknecht  
'62 Maury Horner  
'62 Bill Jennings, Jr.  
'62 Larry Palmer  
'62 Jim Reynolds, Jr.  
'62 J.C. Tucker  
'63 Jerre Wilson  
'64 Ken Ethridge

'64 Ron Roberts  
'65 Bill Allen  
'65 Joel Clifton  
'65 Gary Dowdy  
'65 Harry Ford  
'65 Richard Lowe  
'65 Marvin Lubin, Jr.  
'65 Dan McGaughey  
'65 John Miller  
'65 John Roisum  
'65 Bill Sullivan  
'66 Lee Dodds  
'66 Dick Lillie  
'66 Bob Moon, II  
'66 Jim Ritts  
'67 Ed Craig, IV  
'67 Jim Harding  
'67 Joe Luna  
'67 Lee Peterson, Jr.  
'67 Don Tate  
'67 Grover Wilson  
'68 John Bushore  
'68 Rob Carroll  
'68 Ray Cline, Jr.  
'68 Jim Cumby  
'68 Bob Littleton  
'68 Bill Moore, Jr.  
'68 Bob Rice, Jr.  
'69 James Baird  
'69 Tony Cooke  
'69 Richard Grant  
'69 Steve Herron  
'69 Mike Woody

**1970s**

'70 Terry Gower  
'70 Gary Roth  
'70 Frank Shepard  
'70 Chris Turner  
'70 Jim Williford, Jr.  
'70 Art Wimer, III  
'71 Bob Boatright  
'71 Don Gilliam  
'71 Frank Kowalski  
'71 Roger Lang  
'71 Tom O'Donnell  
'71 Steve Rogers, III  
'71 James Taylor  
'72 Gary Bryde  
'72 Rick Davis, Jr.  
'72 Maurice Guinn  
'72 Mike Maxey  
'73 Rae Cronmiller  
'73 John Reed, III  
'73 Leonard Sitar  
'74 Frank Harman  
'74 Rick Henderson  
'75 Craig Diller  
'75 Jim Elliott  
'75 Joe Scattergood, Jr  
'75 Art Zucker  
'76 Steve Alexander  
'76 Ray Greer  
'76 Mike Hickey  
'76 Ed Mitchell  
'78 Bryce Giesler  
'78 Sammy Goldstein

'78 Fred Hurt, Jr.  
'79 Steve Tallman  
'79 Randy Woodcock

**1980s**

'80 Donny Brock  
'80 Terry Condon  
'80 Frank Shope  
'81 Mark Colquitt  
'81 Rocky Copp, III  
'81 Keene Murphy  
'81 Craig Wilks  
'82 Jeff Adams  
'82 Jeff Lewis  
'83 Ben Burns  
'83 Tom Carpenter  
'83 Mike Hays  
'83 Jeff Jones  
'84 Jon Bivens  
'84 John Coffman  
'84 Derrick Herndon  
'84 Jeff Smith  
'84 William Tice, Jr.  
'84 Mark Tribble  
'85 Kevin Carney  
'85 Will Terrell  
'86 Tom Chaloux  
'86 Burt Chandler  
'86 Mark Herndon  
'86 Mike Kennedy  
'88 Mike Calleja  
'88 Jeff Coughlin  
'88 Shane Hite  
'88 Neal Hyde

'89 Chuck Atchley, Jr.  
'89 Robert Cathey  
'89 Richard Preservati  
'89 Chris Schechter  
'89 Jay Wilson

**1990s**

'90 Jimmy Barker  
'90 Billy Campbell  
'90 John Chamberlain  
'90 Jeff Hickman  
'90 Andy Holmes  
'90 Bob Leonard  
'90 Tony Ward  
'92 James Bell  
'92 Bill Harb  
'92 Jon Nix  
'92 Bill Rosin  
'92 Mark Sparkman  
'92 Kelly Williams  
'93 Karl Berling  
'93 Jay Bonds, Jr.  
'93 Chris Slover  
'94 Johnny Hatfield  
'94 Connor Johnson  
'94 Brian Shugart  
'95 Simon Kasiewicz  
'96 Kyle Carsten  
'96 Keith Grant  
'96 Tom Mitchell  
'96 Chris Reeves  
'96 J.C. Warnick  
'96 Jason White  
'96 Chris Wright

'97 J.P. Bolick  
'97 David Corley  
'97 Todd Garten  
'97 Keith Hare  
'97 Derek Schoonover  
'98 Steve Noland  
'98 Ben Rogers  
'99 Aaron Hice  
'99 Alan Hice  
'99 Kyle Hungate  
'99 Jonathan Schmitt  
'99 Leland Smith  
'99 Dusty Stephens

**2000s**

'01 Brad Adams  
'02 Aaron Barbe  
'03 Ty Lee  
'04 Eric Bibb  
'04 John Noblin  
'05 Whit Dulin  
'06 Clark Schmidt  
'06 Kevin York  
'07 Tom Whitworth  
'08 Jonathan Burlison  
'09 Ryan Hollis

**2010s**

'12 John Chirico

**MISSION STATEMENTS OF TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**TENNESSEE ALPHA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

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.

**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.

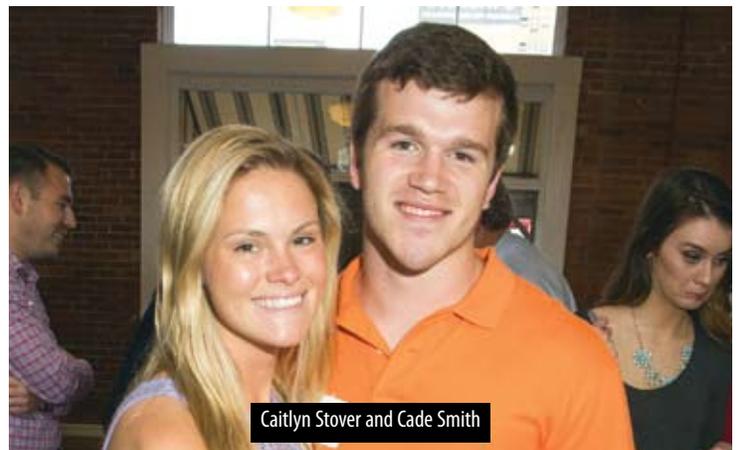
**TENNESSEE ALPHA HOUSING CORPORATION**

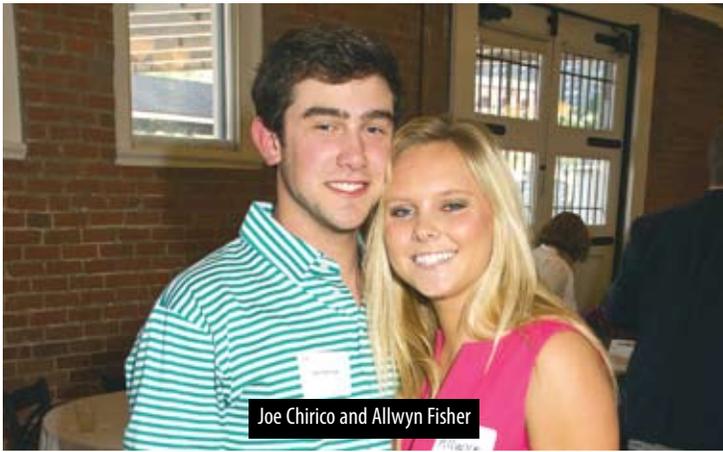
The mission of Tennessee Alpha's Housing Corporation is to provide Tennessee Alpha with an appropriate chapter house on The University of Tennessee campus through managing with the active chapter the facilities and financial affairs of the house to help secure and maintain a showplace facility.

**TENNESSEE ALPHA "SPIEL"**

The mission of the SPIEL is to provide a publication for the alums, actives, and friends of Tennessee Alpha which informs alumni of interesting news of the Fraternity and their brothers; promotes alumni events offering alums opportunities for continued Sigma Phi Epsilon experiences; helps secure an alumni support for worthy chapter projects; and helps meet the interests and needs of Tennessee Alpha brothers.

# ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS





Joe Chirico and Allwyn Fisher



Clay Cook and Lauren Turner



Grace Brown and Adam Floyd



Kameron Gilpin and Madison Sloan



Clint Perkins and Joe Chirico



Ella LaRose and Will Jarvis



Olivia Shaw and Ryan Neal

# 27 ACTIVES AWARDED ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

**S**igma Phi Epsilon alumni scholarships are one of the key elements to Tennessee Alpha's outstanding alumni program.

Alumni scholarships are one way alumni support can directly impact and help the undergraduate chapter Scholarship grants are vivid proof of alumni support and provide the chapter a valuable recruiting tool. In addition, the scholarships encourage the undergraduate brothers to:

- Participate in chapter activities
- Achieve higher academic standards
- Develop leadership skills
- Live in the chapter house
- Engage in campus activities

Brothers needing financial assistance are also considered as a separate factor. The awards may help to ensure that dedicated young brothers can continue working toward the completion of their University of Tennessee diploma.

During the 2016 Founder's Day Reception, Foundation Chairman

Kelly Williams presented a proud display of twenty-seven young brothers as recipients of a 2016-2017 alumni scholarship.

The Selection Committee does not have an easy task. The number of deserving applicants continues to exceed the resources available for scholarship grants.

However, Tennessee Alpha's alumni scholarship program has come a long way. The establishment of alumni scholarships was first presented at the 1980 Founder's Day Dinner with the granting of one \$200 scholarship which provided one quarter's tuition.

Tennessee Alpha scholarships recognize and honor the contributions of several alumni brothers.

**The Burl Rainwater Award** honors Tennessee Alpha's most dedicated alumnus. For more than 30 years, Brother Rainwater worked tirelessly to make Tennessee Alpha the best SigEp alumni association in the country.

**The John Pennington Award** honors the memory of the brother who is generally credited with the motivational force behind the program.

**The James O. King Award** honors the extensive support and long term participation of a past chapter Comptroller (V.P. of Finance) and campus leader.

**The Alan Wilson Award** honors the support and career achievements of one of Tennessee Alpha's most successful alumnus. Alan received the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation and the Career Development Center at the University of Tennessee bears his name.

**The Dick Panther Award** was the first named Tennessee Alpha alumni scholarship. It honors the long-term contribution and patient support of the chapter's past District Governor.

**The Haynes Barnes Award** memorializes one of the chapter's most dedicated alums, who served as Housing Corporation spokesman for almost forty years.

**The Col. Fred Wade Award** honors the memory of an early member who provided leadership and financial support during many critical periods over nine decades.

**The Marty Wilkerson Award** honors the memory of a brother whose brotherly commitment and influence are felt even today.

**The Tom Frazier Award** honors the memory of a brother dedicated to rush and overall excellence.

**The E. Herbert Qualls Award** honors the memory of a past chapter president and grand chapter officer who made exceptional contributions over many years. His award recognizes the pledge demonstrating the greatest commitment to the Fraternity during the pledgship period.

## THE 2015-2016 SIGMA PHI EPSILON TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE:

### **BURL RAINWATER AWARD** **\$5,000**

Joe Chirico ..... Huntington, WV

### **JOHN PENNINGTON AWARD** **\$4,000**

Cade Smith ..... Brentwood

### **JAMES O. KING AWARD** **\$4,000**

Cole Harris ..... Knoxville

### **ALAN WILSON AWARD** **\$3,000**

Jon Ohanian ..... Chantilly, VA

### **DICK PANTHER AWARD** **\$2,500**

Robin Klingensmith ..... Brentwood

### **HAYNES BARNES AWARD** **\$2,000**

Grant Lisle ..... Williamsburg, VA

### **COL. FRED WADE AWARD** **\$2,000**

Josh Black ..... Morristown

### **MARTY WILKERSON AWARD** **\$1,500**

Stephen Lorino ..... Knoxville

### **TOM FRAZIER AWARD** **\$1,500**

Randall Gibson ..... Chicago, IL

### **ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS** **\$750**

Alex Calleja ..... Louisville, KY  
Malcolm Blair ..... Greenville

### **ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS** **\$500**

Alec Dumke ..... Kingsport  
Clint Perkins ..... Dyersburg  
David Dillard ..... Fairview  
Ben Rochester ..... Richmond, VA  
Nick Myers ..... Nashville

### **QUALLS AWARD** **\$700\***

Russell Kiel ..... Clarksville

### **QUALLS SCHOLARSHIPS** **\$500**

John Orr ..... Nashville  
Elliott Snelson ..... Greeneville  
Beach Galloway ..... Davidson  
Ryan Neal ..... Chattanooga  
Clay Cook ..... Clarksville

Kameron Gilpin ..... Hartsville  
Alex Huffman ..... Powder Springs  
Will Jarvis ..... Maryville  
Tristen Hunter ..... Franklin  
Andrew Clevenger ..... Knoxville  
David Bean ..... Knoxville

\* Includes pearl brotherhood pin



Joe Chirico - Rainwater



Cade Smith - Pennington



Cole Harris - King



Jon Ohanian - Wilson



Robin Klingensmith - Panther



Josh Black - Wade



Stephen Lorino - Wilkerson



Randall Gibson - Frazier



\$750 Alumni Scholarships - Alex Calleja and Malcolm Blair



Russell Kiel - Qualls Award



\$500 Qualls Scholarships - (front row from left): Beach Galloway, Ryan Neal, Clay Cook, and Kameron Gilpin (back row): Alex Huffman, Will Jarvis, Tristan Hunter, John Orr, Andrew Clevenger, and David Bean



\$500 Alumni Scholarships - (from left): Alec Dumke, Clint Perkins, David Dillard, Ben Rochester

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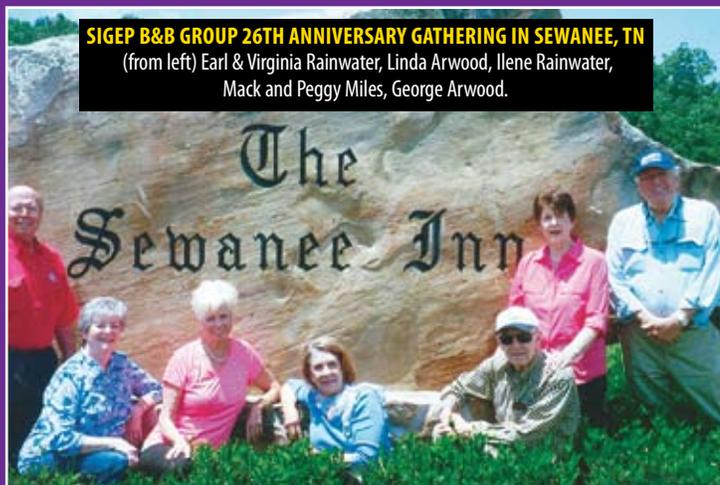
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## LAST WORDS



### KELLY WILLIAMS WEDDING

The groom was joined by seventeen SigEps at his wedding in June in Clinton, TN



**SIGEP B&B GROUP 26TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING IN SEWANEE, TN**  
(from left) Earl & Virginia Rainwater, Linda Arwood, Ilene Rainwater,  
Mack and Peggy Miles, George Arwood.

## SPEAK UP!

We want to hear from you.

Please send your suggestions,  
comments or items of interest to  
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## UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE 2016 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



<b>SEPT. 1</b>	<b>APPLACHIAN STATE</b>
<b>SEPT. 10</b>	<b>VIRGINIA TECH (BRISTOL)</b>
<b>SEPT. 17</b>	<b>OHIO</b>
<b>SEPT. 24</b>	<b>FLORIDA</b>
<b>OCT. 1</b>	at Georgia
<b>OCT. 8</b>	at Texas A&M
<b>OCT. 15</b>	<b>ALABAMA</b>
<b>OCT. 29</b>	at South Carolina
<b>NOV. 5</b>	<b>TENNESSEE TECH (Homecoming)</b>
<b>NOV. 12</b>	<b>KENTUCKY</b>
<b>NOV. 19</b>	<b>MISSOURI</b>
<b>NOV. 26</b>	at Vanderbilt

**SAVE  
The Date!**

» **Friday, October 14th**  
**10TH ANNUAL  
TN ALPHA  
FALL GATHERING**

■ Join your SigEp brothers for a casual reception at Calhoun's at Turkey Creek during the evening before the Alabama game

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