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THE SAM SPADY FOUNDATION

A Worthy Cause

At the 48th Biennial Convocation the Grand Chapter of Sigma Pi unanimously voted to adopt The SAM Spady Foundation as our new national philanthropy. Many of you may not know the background behind this decision. As the new leaders of your respective chapters it is very important for you to understand who Samantha Spady was, the mission of the Foundation, and how your chapter can help. Take time to share this information with your chapter.

Almost two and a half years ago the Sigma Pi chapter at Colorado State University lost a friend. What was to be a fun filled weekend quickly turned into a tragedy the night of September 4th 2004. Like most students that weekend, Samantha Spady was out with friends to enjoy the biggest football game of the CSU season against in-state rival Colorado University. After hours of binge drinking and traveling from party to party, Samantha wound up with her friends at the Sigma Pi house. Seeing Sam was seriously intoxicated, her friends put her into an empty bedroom to sleep it off. Samantha Spady did not sleep it off; she died from alcohol poisoning during the night, with a blood alcohol content of .43.

The SAM Spady Foundation was founded by her parents to educate parents and students of the dangers of alcohol, specifically high risk consumption (binge drinking), and the signs and symptoms of alcohol poi-

soning. With 1,400 students between the ages of 18 and 24 dying each year from alcohol-related causes, Sigma Pi's support of The SAM Spady Foundation can truly help the community where we live, our college campuses.

There are many ways that your chapters can make a difference. Please feel free to use your creativity when thinking of an event. The DVD "Death by Alcohol,



The Sam Spady Story" may be a useful tool for your chapter to utilize in a presentation. It is available from either the Executive Office or you can purchase it from the Foundation at www.samspadyfoundation.org

Some chapters have already held alcohol awareness weeks in honor of the Foundation with activities ranging from having speakers on the subject of binge drinking to holding large non-alcoholic events such as basketball, and poker games, book drives, and even hot dog eating tournaments.



A few chapters even had the opportunity to get Patty Spady, Samantha’s mom, to come give presentations at their respective universities. In order for the Sigma Pi Headquarters to keep records of the events performed and the amounts donated to The SAM Spady Foundation we request that you fill out the philanthropy report form and mail the donation checks made payable to the Sam Spady Foundation to the Executive Office. Executive Director Mark Briscoe, who also sits on the Spady Foundation Board, will then forward the funds to the foundation. No matter what event your chapter decides to hold, be sure to place a \$50 order for 1,000 of the Ace of Spades wallet cards from Sigma Pi’s Executive Office. All proceeds from the sale of the cards will be donated in your chapter’s name to The SAM Spady Foundation. These cards were designed by the members of the former chapter at Colorado State to stop these tragedies from being repeated. If you are having any difficulties organizing your events please feel free to contact your regional ELC or your local Greek Advisor for assistance.

Sigma Pi + Facebook



The Ultimate Networking Tool

Jeff DeMaria (Beta, Indiana '04), a recent graduate from Indiana University, felt like the Beta Chapter needed to represent and setup Facebook on a national level. Since the creation of the group by Jeremy Boyd (Theta-Lambda, Radford University '04), Brother DeMaria has been organizing the largest Facebook group for Sigma Pi Fraternity since July, and today we have Over 1,300 members and it grows everyday. With over 86,000 members nationally we would like to see this number continue to grow!

Facebook is a social networking platform where chapters can share ideas about recruitment, philanthropy projects, brotherhood, and social events. Sigma Pi is one of the fastest growing Fraternities in the country, and is chartering several schools per year. The expansion department can use your help when they are recruiting at new schools, by sending announcements for referrals you can assist in the process of making these connections.

Photos can also be shared to show the strength of the brotherhood. Facebook is also a great way for alumni to find qualified candidates for positions in their companies, including part time student employment or careers in their receptive fields. Sigma Pi Executive Office will also utilize the site to post information and updates.

If you know that some of your chapters brothers are not in the group then send them a personal message with the URL address listed below. If you are in charge of another Sigma Pi group make sure you send the link to all the members. Let's get organized and expand the Facebook brotherhood connection today!

<http://indiana.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2204770875>



Frost's Notes from Nashville

Notes from Assistant Executive Director Jonathan Frost

Gentlemen,

Another Mid-Year Leadership Conference has come and gone and this was our biggest one to date. Let me first thank all of our attendees, undergraduate and alumni, who traveled to St. Louis and made the event possible. Thank you also to everyone for making the men from Maryland, Michigan and Bentley College see what makes Sigma Pi different from any other fraternity. These men represented their interest groups and when they colonize your delegates will have helped with their decision.

Congratulations to all of our new officers this year. We hope that you got a lot of valuable information to help not only yourselves grow but to help your chapters with your operations and promotion of your events. Do not forget if you have questions contact your ELC/CDC's, they are here to help. You can find their contact information on-line at www.sigmapi.org under the Executive Office link.

We look forward to seeing what your chapters and colonies can do in terms of recruitment thanks to the presentation and workshops put on by our guest speaker Josh Orendi from Phired Up Productions. I overheard many people talk about they either learned a lot or felt reaffirmed that what they were doing was the correct way to recruit. Let's use this information to reach our recruitment goals:

- 2700 New Members

- 1900 Initiates

Currently we are at:

- 1578 New Members

- 772 Initiates

Your officers who attended Mid-Year were provided with your chapters goals and your chapter membership progression chart. We hope this information helps with setting your semester/quarterly goals.

We also discussed the ACE Project and where we are currently on that:

- Goal is 115 Projects

- Currently at 20

We need all of our chapters and colonies to go on-line and register your project. Get your ACE Chairman to the University and have them find out what you can do to give back to the school. We have ordered banners already to send you as soon as you register.

We are also looking to see 59 Sam Spady Projects or fundraisers this semester. There are a variety of ways to promote our new International Philanthropy:

- Pass out Sam Spady Cards
- Set up a program to show the Sam Spady video
- Put on an Alcohol Awareness Program for your campus

No matter what you decide please pass on your documentation to us so we can

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record it for reporting purposes with the NIC.

For those that did not hear we have had a great time with our Expansion Department. Our men have been busy on campuses recruiting bringing Sigma Pi to new schools or re-starting dormant chapters:

- Kansas State University
- University of Texas-San Antonio
- Texas A&M
- University of Delaware
- The Ohio State University (Gamma)
- UC-Santa Barbara (Alpha-Omicron)

Our Educational Leadership Consultants are traveling the country again coming to a chapter near you so take some time to look at their schedules. They are traveling to come and help your chapters with any training or assistance you need.

If you are interested in working for the Executive Office check it out on-line and get your resume in today. You don't want to miss out on the greatest job you can have upon graduating. Good luck this semester and lets break our goals and set new records!!!



Sigma Pi has joined forces with Bank of America to bring you the Sigma Pi Credit Card featuring a low introductory rate of 4.9%. This is the perfect tool to help you pay for those initiation costs, as the executive office can accept payment for initiate fees through the Sigma Pi Credit Card, and help you finance that long awaited Spring Break vacation. Plus, every time you use your Sigma Pi Credit Card, Bank of America will make a contribution to Sigma Pi!

We also understand that when obtaining a credit card everyone needs to be informed about how to responsibly manage their finances. We care about the future of members and we to help educate them about responsible financial management. Our relationship with Bank of America enables us to bring our members opportunities to receive quality, solid advice as they build good credit.

Please encourage your chapter brothers and pledges to take advantage of this great offer. All they need to do to apply is call 1.800.551.0839 and mention priority code **KZ9U**.

Teambuilding. *Implement Ideas. Inspire.*

Project Management. *Learn. Develop.*

Travel. Network. *Build Resume`*

Do any of these words jump out at you?

If so, then you should apply to be a Sigma Pi Fraternity Consultant

The role of an ELC and Expansion Consultant is to lead undergraduate officers and members in creating the finest and most rewarding college chapter experience. Consultants travel across the United States and Canada, teaching, training, educating, recruiting, and inspiring the men they come in contact with. The consultant position is an amazing entry level opportunity for any graduating Sigma Pi brother!

Consultants begin their traveling year in July and travel through the end of April. During an extensive training period in July and early August, they learn to create and lead workshops, facilitate small and large group discussions, teach problem-solving techniques, assimilate to different environments quickly, and communicate with collegians and volunteers on a regular basis. While traveling for the Fraternity consultants meet and network with numerous alumni in all career fields, which gives them future employment opportunities.

Becoming a Sigma Pi Consultant is an awarding experience that will develop you both personally and professionally. If you are a graduating senior and are looking for an exciting job that will teach you a number of skills and help you grow and develop as an individual, apply to the educational leadership consultant program. Applications and additional information on the program is available in the Executive Office section of www.sigmapi.org. Applications are also being accepted for Colony Development Consultants and Expansion Consultants.

Questions may be addressed to Jonathan Frost, jfrost@sigmapi.org, or (800) 332-1897.