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*"To possess wisdom, knowledge must be diligently sought and applied"*

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## Plan now to attend the 48th Biennial Convocation

Thinking about your summer vacation plans? The Fraternity has a great vacation option for you and your chapter. This summer, August 2-6, the Fraternity will host its 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convocation at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On Wednesday evening at the hotel, the Grand Chapter will kick-off its biennial celebration with a Cajun reception complete with flavorful food and local entertainment. The reception is a great opportunity to display your alma mater's colors and get acquainted with young and old brothers from across the continent. This casual, festive event allows time to share stories from the past with a wide array of people.

The business sessions will commence bright and early on Thursday morning. These sessions serve as the legislative deliberations of the Grand Chapter. Earnest and thorough discussions will take place about matters vital to the prosperity of Sigma Pi. Presentations will highlight our strengths and identify our challenges. Committees, comprised of undergraduate and alumni members, will report on issues relating to chapter and alumni services, alcohol and risk management topics, expansion and ritual as well as other aspects of the Fraternity. On Saturday morning, undergraduate and alumni delegates will vote on the leadership of the Fraternity for the next biennium. The business agenda promises to be full and meaningful.

Recognizing the accomplishments of chapters and members plays a large part in the Convocation. On Thursday afternoon, the Grand Chapter Awards Luncheon will honor the accomplishments of chapters, alumni clubs, and individuals. Chapter awards will be presented for academic excellence, service to the community, membership recruitment, effi-

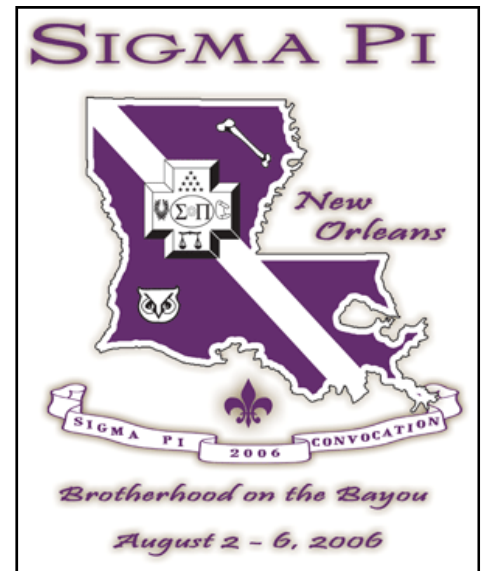
ciency, ACE, overall improvement, and the overall superiority among many other things. An award will also be presented to the best overall alumni club. Individual undergraduate members will be recognized for leadership in their chapter, on their campus, and in their community.

On Thursday evening, brothers will gather at Bourbon Viuex restaurant which features one of the French Quarter's largest balconies overlooking the always-festive Bourbon Street for "Sigma Pi Mardi Gras." Come enjoy some Cajun food and live music as Sigma Pi gathers in fun, fellowship, and brotherhood.

The Sigma Pi Educational Foundation will host its biennial luncheon on Friday afternoon. Over the years, the Educational Foundation has provided hundred of thousands of dollars in scholarship money to members and it will continue that tradition at this Convocation. During the luncheon, the Educational Foundation will award scholarships to deserving undergraduate members based on academic merit, leadership, field of study, and financial need. Immediately following the luncheon, the Educational Foundation will conduct its biennial corporate meeting at which Educational Foundation members elect new Trustees.

On Saturday afternoon, the newly elected Grand Council will conduct the model initiation ceremony open to all initiated members of the Fraternity. *The Golden Quest* is the common bond of all members share. Attending the ritual will allow members to reaffirm their commitment to the ideals of Sigma Pi and experience a ceremony fraught with deep meaning. Alumni are encouraged to take part in this event and welcome neophytes into the brotherhood.

Later that evening, the Grand Chap-



ter Banquet will bring the 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convocation to a close. This event is a time of great celebration and camaraderie. Brothers, spouses, family members, and guests take this last opportunity to chat with new and old friends alike. During the banquet, four alumni brothers will be presented with the Founders' Award, the highest individual honor awarded to a Sigma Pi. The Grand Council will also present the Lyle H. Smith Award and the Curtis G. Shake Award to the most outstanding Chapter Director and Province Archon, respectively. Finally, the Grand Sage's Award will be presented to the top four chapters in recognition of their overall superiority and accomplishments during the biennium. These awards provide a fitting end to the biennial celebration.

For more pricing information about the Convocation or for general questions, contact the Executive Office at (800) 332-1897 or visit the Convocation website at [www.sigmapi.org/convocation](http://www.sigmapi.org/convocation).

# Frost's Cool Notes from Nashville

*Notes from Assistant Executive Director Jonathan Frost*

Fellas,

What's up? What a year we are having in our Fraternity. I just returned from two weeks on the road and am amazed to see how much we are growing not only in our Expansion Department but within our chapters, as well. I was able to attend the New Jersey/Long Island Province Workshop for new members while on the road, which boasted more than 60 pledges there from the various chapters in the province and Province Archon Paul Gorman, Delta-Beta Chapter Director Joe Palazzolo and Grand Fourth Counselor Chris Brown did an excellent job informing these potential new members about Sigma Pi. Thank you not only to these men but to all of our volunteers who have been stepping up and helping our undergraduates see the meaning and benefit of being a Sigma Pi. Without you we would not be where we are today.

Moving on, I hope everyone has started budgeting for Convocation in New Orleans. At the same time, remember to start preparing your Gold Standards now so that your chapter is eligible for awards. For the colony guys, we still need you to fill one out so that you can see where your colony is before Convocation, so in the fall you can get yourself prepared to work towards chartering. As for awards for

chapters, it is going to be a tough year due to so many chapters becoming top groups on their campuses. Therefore contact your ELC or the Executive Office to see if there are any Efficiency Point related matters to clear up and again make sure to fill out the Gold Standard. In terms of the Gold Standard make sure to highlight your chapter. Put some time and effort into your Gold Standard; DOCUMENT where needed and send in photos. This is your chance to show your chapter pride as you apply!

I see that we have 60 registered ACE Projects as of April 3, 2006. We are only 40 away from our goal, so if you have done one or are planning one please go on-line and register it with us. Not only for our records but so we can get you your banner in time. At the same time, if you can get us a letter from the school about their thoughts on the event please get that to us as well. For those that have done a project, go to the website and in the ACE link tell us about how it has helped your chapters' image with the university and students. I know that across the country we are hearing rave reviews from administrators, students and parents about ACE. Remember we are the only Greek organization doing anything like this, it is our trademark on campus; keep that in

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mind when planning your project.

Finally, I wanted to thank all of our chapters for your work and dedication to Sigma Pi; it is because of you that we are growing. Universities and Greek Advisors are asking for Sigma Pi to come to their campuses. I attribute it to you, so thank you for doing so well on your campuses. For the colony guys, we thank you for choosing Sigma Pi and we hope that you will strive to obtain your charter and begin your part in our history. Congratulations to Epsilon-Xi (Farleigh Dickinson) and Theta-Upsilon (Texas State-San Marcos) who chartered on April 8, 2006. We still have a couple of months left, so lets finish the year off strong and see to it that we get everything cleaned up with the Executive Office so you can go into fall semester with a clean slate. Thanks again for your support and dedication brothers. See you in New Orleans!

## Is Sigma Pi the best?

**One of the ways our Fraternity is judged is by how many members we have, and it is important to report every pledge and initiate so we can properly be ranked among our friends in the Greek world! Do not wait another moment. Report ALL pledges and initiates (or prospective initiates) to Assistant Executive Director Jonathan Frost so we can finish our 2005-06 head county for the NIC, and other judging facilities. Make ΣΠ the best!**

# Apply today for your All-Sigma Pi Collegiate Honors

The All-Sigma Pi Collegiate Honors will recognize those initiated members who maintain excellence in college academics while making positive contributions to their chapter, campus and community.

The selection process will measure an applicant's ability to balance the pursuit of a college degree with the development of his leadership skills, interactive extracurricular, participation, and a sense of social responsibility.

Candidates must be an initiated member in good standing, have status as a full-time student in his chapter's college, and maintain a grade point average of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher.

Each recipients will receive a certificate of recognition during the 48th Biennial Convocation this summer in New Orleans, as well as being listed in the Fall Emerald magazine. There will be no limits to how many students are honored with this award.



## Congratulations to Sigma Pi's two newest chapters!



Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Epsilon-Xi Chapter



Texas State University  
Theta-Upsilon Chapter

### Show your Sigma Pi Fraternity Pride with a MBNA Credit Card



As an adult you need the flexibility and convenience of a good credit card. When you pull for the plastic, why not represent Sigma Pi Fraternity?

Your MBNA MasterCard will be accepted at almost as many locations as cash, and will provide you with the security you need in an unknown future.

Sigma Pi Fraternity accepts MasterCard as well for payment of Pledge and Initiate Dues, purchases of equipment and merchandise. The Sigma Pi card is also a great way to help the educational aspects of the Fraternity, as a portion of each purchase you make will be distributed back to the organization for your benefit.

***Carry the card preferred by initiates all of the world - Apply for your today!***  
Click the MBNA link off our website, [www.sigmapi.org](http://www.sigmapi.org), for more information

## Get your Gold Standard packet ready for submission

The Gold Standard is due in just a few weeks, on May 15, 2006. This packet is the best way that all chapters can show the work and fun they had as a chapter of Sigma Pi on its campus.

The Gold Standard is very important as each chapter is judged for our major awards. It is also a way a chapter can reflect on its achievements and set new goals for the coming academic year.

More information and the Gold Standard packets can be found online at [www.sigmapi.org](http://www.sigmapi.org). The Executive Office reminds chapters and colonies that it is best to have each officer help in completing the packet.

## Free money for good students: Scholarships online now

Do you qualify for a scholarship from the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation?

Check out the available scholarships online at [www.sigmapi.org/edfund](http://www.sigmapi.org/edfund) and find out today!

The Sigma Pi Educational Foundation provides thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships to help members like you. Do you qualify for one of our numerous financial awards? Check out the website today for all of the best information on who qualifies, how to apply, and even how to

make yourself the best candidate for money!

It is all on the scholarships link, and the men who read the information will be the ones who get the most of the scholarship opportunity.

The Sigma Pi Educational Foundation has given out thousands of dollars in partial scholarships over the past few decades, and how we are offering money to you.

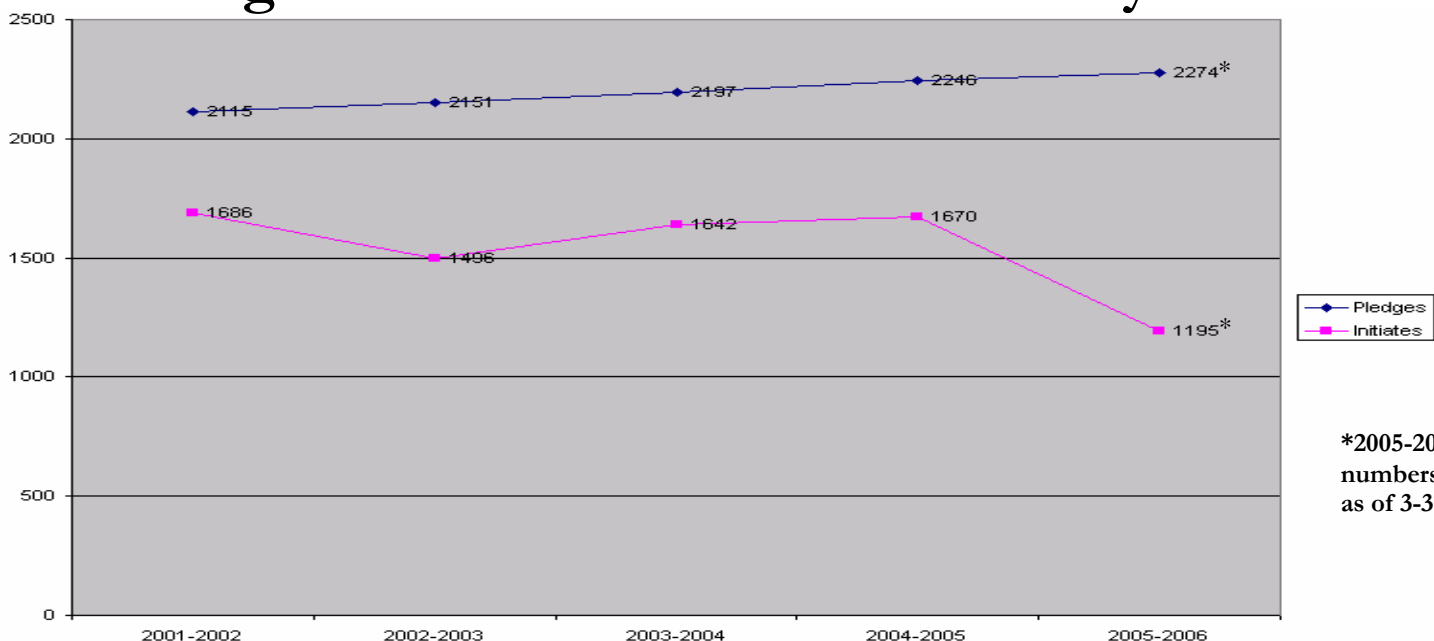
Check out the website today, and get your application in. For more information contact Presi-



*SPEF Chairman Tom Moore awards one of many scholarship checks to a deserving undergraduate last year during Sigma Pi University.*

dent and Chief Development Officer Richard Robinson at (800) 332-1897 or via email at [rrobinson@sigmapi.org](mailto:rrobinson@sigmapi.org)

## Sigma Pi on the mark for a record year!



\*2005-2006 numbers are as of 3-31-06

# Properly registered ACE Projects get banners now

Our goal is to have **100** chapters perform an ACE Project this year, and like last year we have a free banner for you. These banners are not the same as last years. The banners this year are yellow with purple writing.

As you plan for your chapter's upcoming ACE event, register your project properly, and receive your banner. These high quality 3'x6' banners are yours free. Serve your campus with pride, promote ACE, and show everyone that Sigma Pi Fraternity is the one leading the way.

Don't forget to take a picture with your members and your banner, for your ACE report. We encourage each chapter to send us a binder with pictures (and copies of their event in the local press) with its final report.



**How to do a great ACE Project: 1. Ask your college/ university what they need. 2. Get your chapter ready to help. 3. Happily help your campus. 4. Report your project to ΣΠ. 5. Win an award. (It's that easy!)**

## Let's Get moving on the Sigma Pi ACE Project

**Congratulations to the 63 chapters and colonies who have already registered and performed an ACE Project! This year we need 37 more chapters and colonies, including yours, to give special service to your campus through this program. We will reach our goal of 100 projects by the end of the semester with your help. Please plan, and register your chapter's project with the Executive Office soon so we can get you a banner. Do you have your project set up? If not, contact your campus today, and get ready to be one of the special groups who will be recognized this summer in New Orleans. Completing an ACE Project can be a rewarding experience. Register today, and finish your project soon!**

### Properly Registered ACE Projects as of 4-4-06

K	Temple	ΓΘ	Texas	EA	Eastern Kentucky	ΘΓ	West Alabama
H	Purdue	ΓΚ	Indiana Tech	EΞ	Fairleigh Dickinson	ΘΓ	West Alabama
Θ	Penn State	ΓΜ	Wisconsin - Oshkosh	EP	Drury	ΘΔ	TCNJ
I	California	ΓΞ	West Virginia Tech	EΦ	Embry-Riddle (AZ)	ΘE	Indiana of PA
M	Cornell	ΓΡ	Western Michigan	ZΓ	Millersville	ΘK	Texas Tech
N	Franklin & Marshall	ΓΣ	Missouri	ZZ	Florida	ΘΛ	Radford
Ξ	Iowa	ΓΩ	Wayne State	ZM	Michigan State	ΘN	Houston
P	North Carolina State	ΔA	Central Michigan	ZO	Lawrence Tech	ΘP	Grand Valley State
AH	William & Mary	ΔB	Monmouth	ZX	Rowan	ΘΣ	Ursinus
AI	Missouri - Rolla	ΔE	Seton Hall	HH	Bridgewater State	ΘT	William Patterson
AM	NJIT	ΔI	Wisconsin - Platteville	HΘ	York		Kennesaw State
ΑΠ	Arkansas State	ΔΛ	Louisiana Tech	HM	Missouri Southern State		Jacksonville State
BK	Arizona State	ΔP	Morehead State	HO	Toronto		Clayton State
BN	SIU - Carbondale	ΔQ	SIU - Edwardsville	HY	California - Irvine		Texas State
BO	Cal State - Long Beach	EA	Southern Tech	HΩ	Johnson & Wales		Southern Indiana
BΠ	Virginia	EE	Emporia State	ΘB	Saginaw Valley State		Middle Tennessee State