

Sigma Pi Fraternity

Established 1897



The SAM Spady Foundation and Sigma Pi

A partnership to teach students about the dangers of misuse of alcohol

Samantha Spady was a dynamic person by all accounts. High school class president, homecoming queen, talented artist, and friend to many, Sam had a wonderful and inviting smile and a personality that made everyone around her feel comfortable and accepted. Spady was a young woman whose life included stellar schoolwork, a strong work ethic and passion for serving others, as was demonstrated by her work with the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

The first weekend in September was going to be a fun one for students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the university, as Colorado State University (CSU) played long time rival Colorado University (CU) Saturday night, in what promised to be an exciting game.

Amidst all of the excitement surrounding the weekend festivities, Samantha's life came to an unexpected and tragic end late in the evening that fateful Saturday night at the Sigma Pi Fraternity house, where she had spent her final hours socializing with the brothers, whom she considered to be good friends, a feeling that was mutual. The cause of death...alcohol poisoning.

On college and university campuses all across the country misuse and abuse of alcohol is a recurring problem. Recently, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) reported that high-risk student drinking causes 1400 deaths, 70,000 sexual assaults, and 500,000 student injuries every year on college campuses across the country.

Samantha's parents have chosen to honor the memory of their daughter and continue her call to service by establishing the SAM Spady Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to find an effective alcohol awareness program with emphasis on alcohol poisoning and high-risk consumption that can be implemented at colleges and universities in the United States.

Samantha was a dear and devoted friend to Sigma Pi. We cherish her friendship and choose to honor her memory by partnering with the SAM Spady Foundation. Together we will educate the masses, inform the individual, and protect our most valuable asset with whom we have been trusted...our undergraduate members, both present and future.

As we partner with the SAM Spady Foundation, we ask and encourage you to support this endeavor.

If you wish to contribute to the SAM Spady Foundation, please send your donation to the address below. Please make sure you tell them the donation is from Sigma Pi and include your chapter designation.

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