

# FROM THE HEART

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## INDIANA ALPHA WILL RETURN TO PURDUE CAMPUS IN SPRING 2019

### SigEp AVC Places Priority on Engaging Alumni and Mentoring Collegians

Alumni,

I am so grateful for the board members and alumni who joined us and played a part in this year's Homecoming celebration and annual meeting. We are experiencing both exciting and trying times in the life of our fraternity, and I think the events of the weekend showed the priority that your alumni board plans to put on engaging alumni and, in turn, the role alumni are willing to play and the support they have for the relaunch of our great fraternity.

Purdue University has asked Sigma Phi Epsilon – Indiana Alpha to return in spring 2019

and provide an example for other fraternities to model and follow. Only through committed and engaged alumni will we be able to deliver on that request.

Many of those who attended the Homecoming events pledged to play a role in mentoring young undergraduates and doing what they could to help deliver on the pledge to Build Balanced Men. I know there are more brothers who are willing to contribute in some way, and to those I ask that you please come forward and be a part of rebuilding SigEp on Purdue's campus in whatever way you are able.

In closing, the following men have committed to working with and for you, the alumni, as your 2018-19 Alumni Volunteer Corporation board members: **Brian Todd '97, Mike Ellis '84, Mitch Salyers '93, Daryl Martz '76, Mike Davis '77, Norm Nabhan '71, Scott Swisher '79, and Jim Mosch '79!**

I am humbled to serve as president for another year and to work with such dedicated and servant heart leaders!



HFF,  
**Brian Rodell '98**, AVC President  
avc-president@purdue-sigeps.com

## Alumni News

### What Are Your Fellow SigEps Up To?

**Donald F. Smith '48** lives in Atlanta, Ga., and has four children. He reports, "Still alive at 95; remain a World War II statistic: four years' service, 30 months in the Pacific." He retired in 1993 as a sales manager in the food industry with Borden/Beatrice. He stays active with the Georgia Lions, collecting eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones for the Georgia Lighthouse Foundation.

**Raymond S. Stephens '49** and his wife, Julie, live in Hammond, Ind., and have been married for 66 years. They have five children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Ray retired in 1993 as director of risk management at University of Illinois at Chicago. E-mail: julieandray2@sbcglobal.net

**Harold "Hal" Shevers '57** and his wife, Sandy, live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Hal is director/turbine aircraft operations for Sportsman's Market. "Still kicking ass!" E-mail: hal@sportys.com

**William C. Stumbaugh '59** and his wife, Marianne, live in Waukesha, Wis., and have two daughters, Jenny and Heidi, and four grandchildren. In 1972, William and a partner started a fluid power distributorship, which they sold in 1992 and is now the largest in the Midwest. In 2001, he cofounded Sunset Bank and is now an officer and director. E-mail: tidybill.wi.r.com

**Roger G. Blocks '62** lives in Three Lakes, Wis.—Shelbyville, Ind., in the winter—and has two daughters, Barbara and Elizabeth. He married Barbara Weber McNeely on December 23, 2017. She also has two children, and together they have 12 grandchildren. Roger semi-retired in 1970 as president of Chem-Al Inc. E-mail: rrgblocks@icloud.com

**Kenneth C. "Swany" Swanson '65** and his wife, Carol (Purdue Phi Mu), live in Kerrville,

Texas, and have two children, Robert and Katherine. Swany retired in 2001 as assistant to executive vice president at Saudi Aramco. E-mail: swanson@krc.com

**Charles R. Deible '68** retired in 2011 as an attorney. He and his wife, Stephanie Funcheon, live in West Lafayette, Ind., and have two children, Kristin and Lara. E-mail: charlie.deible@frontier.com

**Steve R. Simmons '68** and his wife, Mary Ann, have three daughters, Jill, Lara, and Dawn, and moved from St. Paul, Minn., to Seattle, Wash. "The biggest draw is that two of our daughters and all three grandchildren live here." Steve retired in 2008 as a University of Minnesota professor and now writes creative nonfiction (steverobert.wordpress.com). E-mail: ssimmons@umn.edu

**A. Gene Voelkel '68** and his wife, Virginia, live in Walnut Creek, Calif., and have three children and four grandchildren. Gene retired in 2016 as an interventional cardiologist for John Muir Health. E-mail: ggvoelkel@comcast.net

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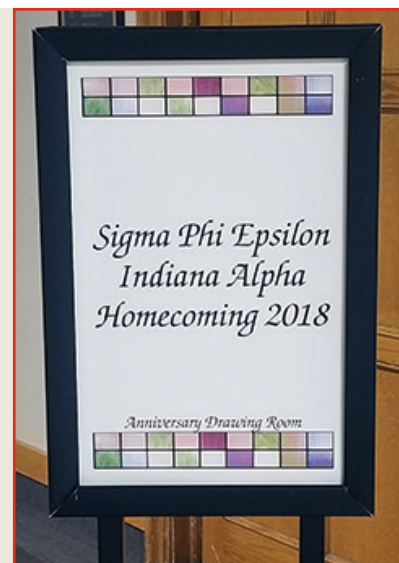
# 2018 HOMECOMING WEEKEND: *One to Remember!*

**T**he Indiana Alpha AVC hosted a successful second annual Purdue Homecoming dinner in September. More than 20 alumni from the 1950s through '90s and spouses met at Mountain Jack's Steakhouse on Friday, October 21. A great time was had by all with excellent service and food. We made a SigEp toast to those present, as well as those not in attendance. It was moving to have so many generations of brothers come together to discuss their current lives as well as reminisce the times shared at the chapter house.

On Saturday morning, we held our annual meeting followed by breakfast and fellowship at the Purdue Memorial Union. Alumni were updated on responsibilities of the AVC and voted on new board members. Progress was shared regarding the chapter's recolonization and vision for the future.

"The seeds of a resurgence of Indiana Alpha at Purdue looked quite promising. It was great to see some familiar faces as well," said **Channing Mitzell '78**. "All that attended were very enthusiastic and impressed with everything that has been done so far to bring our great chapter back to Purdue University," added **Christopher Kelly '80**. "Having said that, everyone also knows that so much more needs to be done. Please help anyway you can! Indiana Alpha needs to be reborn!"

The weekend was one to remember, and we hope more brothers will mark their calendars for next year!



*Alumni gather for the 2018 AVC Meeting.*



*Regional Director Jarod Riter along with Norm Nabhan '71, John Derr '58, Chris Kelly '80, Channing Mitzell '78, and other graduates with their spouses enjoy the evening at Mountain Jack's.*



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## Thank You, Loyal Donors, for Spring Contributions

More Than \$7,000 Received  
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**T**hanks to the support of 40 generous alumni, \$7,730 was contributed in response to our spring appeal. Your continued support helps ensure the future of Indiana Alpha through alumni engagement. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving records are needed, please send them to [alehr@penningtonco.com](mailto:alehr@penningtonco.com).

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## MARK SULLIVAN '87 FORTUNATE TO WORK ON PURDUE CAMPUS, SEES CURRENT INITIATIVES AND FUTURE CONCEPTS AS POSITIVE CHANGES

**T**wo years ago I had the good fortune of becoming a Purdue University employee. I'm a business relationship manager in the College of Agriculture where I work with ag faculty and IT providers from across the campus. If you ever have the chance to work on a college campus, I certainly encourage you to take it. Working in a beautiful campus setting with grand buildings, surrounded by tremendous intellect and a constant buzz of activity is very energizing. There are a multitude of gatherings, lectures, and events that provide opportunities for networking, entertainment and self-enrichment.

It's exciting to work where there is so much innovation and collaboration. I see it in my job every day with faculty who are working across the campus with fellow researchers, solving problems, and answering questions that could impact millions of lives. One of the most exciting university initiatives that kicked off recently focuses on improving external collaborations and will likely set the new standard for the way universities interact with the private sector. The \$1 billion Discovery Park project is reshaping the southwest corner of campus into a collaborative university/private sector innovation community. The Convergence Center for Innovation and Collaboration is already under construction and scheduled to open in December 2019. When completed, it will be the "front door" for outside businesses and house a progressive community of Purdue innovators and corporate collaborators. The long-term plan includes a true community environment with residential housing, retail, and ample green space.

Purdue also recently unveiled their 50-year campus master plan at a ceremony I was fortunately able to attend. The plan is just a concept but contains changes that will better showcase Purdue's campus and help draw top students and faculty to West Lafayette. Just glancing at the concept drawing (above), you'll notice half the major campus buildings could be remodeled or new in 50 years. Be prepared to say goodbye to some oldies such as Lambert Field House, the Armory, and almost all the older dorms (Cary Quad is safe). The other big theme is the continuing trend of moving cars out of the center of campus and replacing roads with pedestrian and bike corridors. Third Street and the Memorial Mall Drive will probably see the conversion in the coming years. Our beloved Waldron Street was also mentioned as a possible conversion to green space. Yes, the house would still be there, but instead of looking out on a street, it would be a nice quiet mall. Remember, this is just a concept plan. Check out the whole plan by searching Purdue Master Plan online.

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## CORRECTION

On page 3 of the spring 2018 edition of *From the Heart*, Jim Quinn's graduation year was incorrectly listed as 1974. It should have been 1983.

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## Alumni News

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**E. Allen Nuss '69** and his wife, Peggy, live in Athens, Ala., and have a combined family of six: twins Alicia and Felicia, Troy, Melonie, Joshua, and Courtney, as well as eight grandchildren. He retired in 1989 from Air Force active duty after 20 years (C-130 Vietnam, navigator instructor, F-4 backseat and flight examiner, electronic warfare test engineer) and in 2012 as a civilian (flight simulator integration for special ops aircraft, unmanned aircraft systems engineer, lead engineer, and program manager). E-mail: nus-sa@bellsouth.net

**C. Michael Gillam '77** retired from Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc., but went back to work after two years with Patrick Engineering Inc., as a program manager. He and his wife, Beverly, live in Franklin, Tenn., but will be moving soon

to their home in Orlando, Fla. They have four children: Nicole, Monica, John, and Whitney. E-mail: michaelgillam55@gmail.com

**James D. Irwin '77** is semi-retired, staying busy driving tractor trailers and school buses, bulldozing, and farming. He and his wife, Christine, look forward to traveling in their new RV. They also enjoy cheering on the Boilermakers in basketball and football. Jim and Christine have three children. E-mail: irwin32455@aol.com

**Scott M. McCain '82** sold his business (All Source Specialties) and started Cottonwood Properties with his sister. They buy and flip properties. He also moved his real estate license to Century 21 Scheetz in Indianapolis. Scott and his wife, Lori, live in McCordsville, Ind., and have three children: Matt, Chase, and Anne. E-mail: smccainboiler@gmail.com

**Adam T. Shapley '96** is the director of process ownership at State Farm. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Bloomington, Ill., and have two children, Rowan and Keelan. E-mail: adam.shapley.hrmk@statefarm.com

**Andrius J. Galinis, M.D. '98** is a doctor of anesthesiology at Panhandle Anesthesiology Associates. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Gulf Breeze, Fla., and have two children, Ava and Isabella. E-mail: andriusgalinia@hotmail.com

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## MARK SULLIVAN '87

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All the changes are exciting, but I admit for an alumnus like me, it's sometimes hard to see familiar buildings come down. As a Purdue employee, it's a challenge working with the ever-changing construction zones. However, I've sent my own two children to Purdue and am confident the changes are helping better prepare current and future generations of Boilermakers to take giant leaps.

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