

# FROM THE HEART

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## OUR GOAL IS IN SIGHT

Your Support Will Bring Us Home

In March, we completed the first year of the public phase of *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha—A New Beginning*. It is hard to believe that the beginning of this phase coincided with our Indianapolis alumni event, and then weeks later, COVID-19 took hold of everything. No doubt the timing challenged our efforts, but the Indiana Alpha brotherhood engaged in the campaign, and as of April we crossed the \$1.5 million level with donations of \$1,538,216 from 157 brothers. On behalf of our campaign co-chairmen, **Mike Ellis '84**, **Jim Mosch '80**, and **Norm Nabhan '71**, we thank all of you for your commitment to Indiana Alpha.

A few thoughts on the numbers: Typically, in a fundraising campaign we expect a 20-25% donation rate from the active alumni. For Indiana Alpha, we have ~1,500 active alumni, or 300 expected donors. We are at roughly 87% of our campaign goal with only about half of our expected donors; this underscores both the opportunity and the challenge. Another fraternity on the Purdue campus raised several million dollars though a 70% donation rate; this is unusual. However, it also shows the giving potential of our remaining 150 expected donors. If 150 brothers donated an average of \$1,400 we would achieve our goal, and given we expect some larger donations this also makes our stretch goal attainable. As we get more donors, the certainty of our goal is assured; **it is all about brother participation.**

One way we have accomplished our outreach is through a “campaign within the campaign” by our era and class leaders. These leaders have reached out to their class over several months to both reconnect and

engage their brothers in the campaign. Outreach has occurred through mail, email, phone calls, and Zoom meetings.

It has been a great experience to reconnect with the brotherhood (after decades, for many alumni) and has also been a huge success. Our first group of class leaders covered the late '60s through the early '80s, and we currently have a group covering the 1950-65 and 2000-05 eras. If a class leader reaches out to you, I encourage you to reconnect. Hopefully, you can support the campaign with a donation, but at minimum we hope it brings you back to great memories from 690 Waldron.

The success of *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha* comes down to three things: brother recruitment, 690 Waldron renovation, and fundraising. In every area we are making great progress through the efforts of the new brotherhood, resources from SigEp National, commitment of the AVC board, and our alumni brothers. All this is to say, **this campaign is a good investment.**

Our goal of \$1.75 million and stretch goal of \$2 million remains unchanged. We have made great progress through the support of the brotherhood, but we still need more brothers contributing to the campaign to achieve all our goals.

Fraternally,  
**Jim Mosch '80**  
Campaign Co-Chairman  
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Decade

Mailable Alumni

Amount Donated

# of Donors

Participation

▶	1940s	23	\$202,125	4	17.39%
▶	1950s	82	\$20,825	12	14.63%
▶	1960s	193	\$171,525	41	21.24%
▶	1970s	196	\$469,657	39	19.89%
▶	1980s	268	\$441,106	37	13.81%
▶	1990s	296	\$191,209	14	4.73%
▶	2000s	296	\$11,709	6	2.03%
▶	Friends	8	\$15,809	4	50%

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# THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDIANA ALPHA — *A New Beginning*

## Thank You, Loyal Donors *Will You Be the One Who Reaches Our Goal?*

**T**hank you to the following supporters who have contributed to *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha—A New Beginning*. All donors giving \$1,000 or more will be recognized in campaign publications. All donors making gifts of \$2,500 or more to this campaign will be recognized on a permanently displayed plaque in the renovated chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at [alehr@penningtonco.com](mailto:alehr@penningtonco.com). Thank you!

### **Indiana Alpha Circle** **(\$100,000 to \$249,999)**

Bequest from John R. Grayson '46  
Norman E. Nabhan '71  
James G. Mosch '80  
Doug Bowen '93

### **690 Waldron Society** **(\$50,000 to \$99,999)**

Anonymous  
Nick D. Harris '79  
Michael G. Ellis '84  
Mark A. Napier '92

### **1905 League** **(\$25,000 to \$49,999)**

Carl R. Willis '62  
James H. Muehlbauer '63  
Edward T. Hazledine '65  
Walter L. Brant '71  
John S. Andrews '79  
Scott R. Swisher '79  
William J. Wallace '79  
Dwight Denham '82  
Michael A. Seldowitz '86

### **Phoenix Guild** **(\$10,000 to \$24,999)**

Roger G. Blocks '62  
E. Dana Smith '66  
John L. Fox '71  
David T. Strother '71  
Patrick Gantert '72  
David M. Andrews '79  
George B. White '79  
Ross A. Richards '80  
Fred H. Beckman '82  
Gregory M. Hague '82  
John P. Neary '82  
James P. Quinn '83  
David E. Duba '84  
Edward W. Heathorn '87  
Brian R. Rodell '98

### **Red Door Club** **(\$5,000 to \$9,999)**

Renee Atkinson  
In memory of  
Jeff Atkinson '63

### **Founders Club**

**(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

Lawrence K. Volland '63  
Steven D. Derrick '66  
Fred C. Lash '66  
Gregory L. Rinehart '68  
Wendell D. Schultz '68  
David A. Sappenfield '69  
John R. Fields '72

In memory of  
Carl A. Carr '72  
Herbert K. Streich '73  
Kevin R. Smith '77  
Mark R. Easley '78  
Steven E. Wilson '78  
Michael L. Sheward '81

In memory of  
Steve Grate '80,  
Bret Harrison '80, and  
Bill Mullins '81  
William D. Farrar '82

In memory of  
Clayton "Bud" Farrar '54  
David J. St. Claire '85  
David S. Griffith '88

In memory of  
Lt. Col Richard F. Brereton '89  
Shane K. Platt '90  
Eric D. Dodd '91  
Grant R. Lohse '02  
Andrew M. Dec '05

### **Brotherhood Club** **(\$1,000 to \$2,499)**

Nonnie Owens,  
House Mom 1992-2001  
Bradford Taylor

In memory of  
David G Guinnup '75  
William R. Redlich '42  
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Robert T. Thorson '61  
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David D. Schoeff '64  
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Andrew R. Ceperley '65

In memory of  
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John D. Popovich '66  
Gary L. Evans '67  
Jeffrey V. Conopask '69  
James S. Keller '69  
Edward G. Gehlhausen '74  
Thomas E. Everly '75  
In memory of  
G & O  
Daryl R. Martz '76  
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Lloyd "Mac" McGlinicy '78  
David R. Ehler '79  
James M. Keefe '79  
Christopher D. Kelly '80  
Kevin J. Spurlock '80  
In honor of the  
Fall '76 Pledge Class  
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In memory of  
Steve Grate '80,  
Bret Harrison '80, and  
Bill Mullins '81  
Scott M. McCain '82  
Richard C. Schroeder '82  
Glade T. Montgomery '83  
Martin P. Weissburg '84  
Tim Dickson '86  
Beau Graham '88  
Robert E. Pritchard '89  
Mark S. Meyer '93  
Keith A. Rintamaa '93  
John A. Rittenhouse '93  
James M. Anderson '95  
Benjamin R. Miller '01

## Campaign Status At-a-Glance

*As of May 18, 2021*

**Campaign Goal**  
**\$1.75 Million**

**Total Commitments**  
**\$1,538,216**

**Total Contributors**  
**157**

Richard T. Friestadt '67  
Logan F. Wernz '67  
Steve R. Simmons '68  
August G. Voelkel '68  
Louis B. Astbury '72  
Donovan A. Langford III '72  
Keith D. Baker '75  
Dale J. Giolas '75  
Jerrold L. Ulrey '75  
Anthony P. Bowman '78  
Kerry A. Prielipp '79  
Albert P. D'Andrea '81  
Barry L. Olson '82  
J.D. Landgrebe '84  
Peter N. Peregrine '84  
In memory of  
Christopher R. Peregrine '82  
James D. Farley '86  
Scott L. Doelling '87  
Gregory E. Schiffli '91  
Douglas M. Melton '97  
Paul J. Feldmann '07



# DR. JOHN DERR '58—A BALANCED MAN FOR LIFE

**S**igma Phi Epsilon has always played a key part for **John Derr '58**. “The brotherhood teachings are always on the forefront,” John stated.

From his college days to serving in the Navy post-graduation, his connection to the fraternity has been steadfast. His happiest times with SigEp were after his five years in the Navy, when he was active in the Sigma Phi Epsilon National programs, taught in the Carlson seminars, and attended Conclave for more than 20 years. His SigEp membership linked him with brothers from other chapters, afforded opportunities to mentor younger SigEps, and led to business with many in his professional life.

“As an alumnus, you have to remain involved,” he said. “You are rewarded over the years, not in any single event. If you’re not involved beyond graduating, then it’s just a college experience.”

He was instrumental in helping with Indiana Alpha’s capital campaign brochure, with the goal of reminding his brothers of the benefits and experiences they received at Purdue. For John, SigEp was a pillar of support at Purdue while studying pharmacy alongside many of his brothers, which undoubtedly set him up for success in his career. When he wasn’t studying, he was singing in Purdue’s Glee Club, where he made some of his favorite undergraduate memories.

“I was a member of the Purdue Glee Club and in a famous (at the time) barbershop quartette. We were on the road singing a great deal of the time,” he shared. “My favorite memories from my undergraduate years include singing on the Bob Hope and Ed Sullivan shows.”

His unwavering support for his alma mater has led to many accolades over the years, including being named a Purdue Distinguished Alumnus, a Purdue Sir in the Glee Club honorary, being chosen as Gimlet, serving



as the Purdue alumnus director of the Los Angeles Alumni Club, and being named Purdue Old Master. John was also recognized as a SigEp Distinguished Alumnus and served on SigEp’s leadership committee.

Additionally, he was one of the founding alumni board directors of the (new) SigEp chapter at UCLA in the 1980s and served on SigEp’s alumni board at the University of Arkansas.

John’s post-college success in the Navy was recognized by achieving rank of Captain and being the reserve commanding officer of two destroyers.

In healthcare, he’s achieved two awards of lifetime support and was also chosen for multiple federal committees on long-term post-acute care and elderly

care. His devotion to the university, the SigEp brotherhood, and his achievements in the Navy and his career speak volumes of his character and gracious spirit. He is the embodiment of a Balanced Man.

Through SigEp, he learned that it’s great to have other men to call “brother” and to know they have a certain level of the same shared experience—an experience that leads to lifelong friends. It’s also been important to John to work with the young men following in his footsteps to eliminate the program of “pledging” and “Hell Week.”

“I’m lucky to have had a number of successes in my life running concurrently—family and the fraternity, the Navy, healthcare, and singing,” he shared. “SigEp has always played a role.”

John and his wife, Polly, reside in Anacortes, Washington, and have two daughters, Deborah and Jennifer. His grandson, **Cameron Neel '22**, joined Indiana Alpha Chapter in 2019. You can connect with John at [captainjohn181@mac.com](mailto:captainjohn181@mac.com).

## GROWTH IN A CHALLENGING YEAR

### Brothers Maintain Strong Grades, Connections with Potential New Members

**C**oming out of the unprecedented fall 2020 semester, Indiana Alpha made several major adjustments for the spring. The chapter decided to go completely virtual for chapter meetings and recruitment events to follow Protect Purdue Guidelines and stop the spread of COVID-19. As we face new challenges in this ever-changing environment at Purdue, active brothers maintain strong relationships and focus on establishing this chapter as one of the best on campus.

As was the case in the fall semester, the Balanced Man Scholarship is one of our best ways to meet potential new members who exceed the expectations of a normal student. During the new recruitment format, we held successful virtual conferences with applicants, which led to insightful discussions about SigEp. Furthermore, smaller interactions were conducted in person, which consisted of one or two brothers grabbing dinner with a potential new member.



*Brothers bond during a painting brotherhood event at Pickett Park. From left: Cameron Neel '21, Kevin Homan '22, Krish Jain '24, and Samuel Siwy '22.*

Overall, this approach has been successful, as we have gained nine new brothers since the fall 2020 semester, and we have a solid plan going into the

summer to add even more. We led the campus in both academics among fraternities and man-over-man recruitment numbers this semester. On this good note, our goal is to keep reaching for the highest all-campus cumulative GPA while building our fraternity, one balanced man at a time.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of those who have been supporting the Indiana Alpha Chapter. Without this continuous support and mentorship from the AVC, National Headquarters, invested alumni, and all others who want to see Sigma Phi Epsilon succeed at Purdue again, we would not be where we are today or where we plan on going in the future.

Fraternally,  
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# ALUMNI NEWS

**Richard House '52** has been retired for 21 years. He celebrated his 90th birthday in good health. He stays busy volunteering some at his church and doing yard work, mainly weeding. Richard lives in Hendersonville, N.C. Email: richardhouse@bellsouth.net

**Bill Welch '55** is retired and "being lazy" in Satellite Beach, Fla. Email: wwelch@cfl.rr.com

**Lionel Wilson '56** lives in the Glen Scripps Ranch retirement community in San Diego, Calif. Email: lgwilson@pacbell.net

**Donald Buck '58** is hoping to connect with his brothers soon. He lives in Red Oak, N.C. Email: donbnc@suddenlink.net

**George "Scott" Dixon '64** is retired and doing well in San Diego, Calif. Email: gscottdixon@hotmail.com

**David Schoeff '64** is retired and lives in Oakwood, Ohio. He plays a lot of golf (poorly) and volunteers. Most of his volunteer work centers around chairing the board of Dayton Entrepreneurs Center. Email: dschoeff@aol.com

**Michael Hammer '69** is a HS rugby coach. He resides in Redondo Beach, Calif. Email: hammerrugby@hotmail.com

**Norman Fuchs '70** is retired and lives in Indianapolis, Ind. Email: negolfstorm@aol.com

**Keith Morkel '73** is retired and resides in Kettering, Ohio. Email: kmorkel@woh.rr.com

**Steve Kirk '83** is active in his church as council president and in other volunteer activities, including Habitat for Humanity and the local food pantry. He has three kids. Steve lives in Lockport, Ill. Email: stevendkirk@comcast.net

**Dave Duba '84** is helping launch a new athleisure wear company out of Salt Lake City. He lives in Fishers, Ind. Email: dave@daveduba.com

**Mike Ellis '84** is co-chair of the campaign for Indiana Alpha. He also serves on a task force for The Riverside Church. Additionally, Mike is on the AVC for New York Gamma. He lives in St. Louis, Mo. Email: michael.ellis@isiinternet.com

**Ed Krajewski '90** has spent 30 years as a commodity trader and is still going strong. He's enjoying east coast hours with west coast lifestyle in Huntington Beach, Calif. Email: ekj1992@gmail.com

**Eric Dodd '91** shares that his daughter, Sarah, graduated from UW-Madison in the spring of 2020, and now works in Irvine, Calif. Eric lives in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. Email: edodd02@yahoo.com

**Dave Kacsur '94** enjoyed his recent northern Michigan golf trip that included **John Kacsur '90**, **Matt Kacsur '96**, **Bill Brunette '90**, and **Chris Cline '91**. Dave lives in Acworth, Ga. Email: dave.kacsur@gmail.com

**John Guidos '01** is the director of strategic operation at Established, LLC, a consulting firm. He is also a managing member of Established Ventures. John lives in Granger, Ind. Email: john.guidos@gmail.com

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP GET BROTHERS BACK TOGETHER

I am announcing a call to arms for all Indiana Alpha SigEps to GET INVOLVED!

When we leave 690 Waldron, we are focused on entering the "real world" and finding success in our next chapter of life. What most of us do is look forward, not backward. I'm now asking you to not only look backward on your great experiences at Purdue and 690 Waldron, but to reconnect with our shared experiences and great memories at Purdue.

I'm asking for leaders and volunteers to help us all get reconnected, primarily by speaking to brothers from your era.

For example: Grad year 1970: reach out to brothers who graduated from 1965-70.  
Grad year '75: reach back to '70.  
Grad year '80: reach back to '75.

And so on. You don't have to graduate in those exact years, but in that era. We'd like to get folks together to help with numerous objectives:

- Communication with current brothers.
- Communication with each other.
- Contributions to our redesign.
- Mentoring with current brotherhood.
- Recommendations for future SigEps.
- Promoting Balanced Man Program.

Please consider being part of this new effort. If you are planning any alumni gatherings (golf outings, ball game gatherings, etc.), let me know and I will try to distribute that information to our newly formed volunteers, who can then forward on to their respective groups!

Also, don't forget that our annual Homecoming meeting that includes nominations and voting on AVC board members will be Saturday, October 2, at Purdue Memorial Union prior to the Homecoming game versus Minnesota.

Faternally,

**Christopher Kelly '80**

AVC Alumni Relations Director  
avc-alumnirelations@purdue-sigeps.com

## Welcome, New Members

**Logan Busch '24** | Greenwood Village, Colo.

**Brandon Hsia '23** | San Jose, Calif.

**Jeffrey Hwang '22** | Foothill Ranch, Calif.

**Krish Jain '24** | India

**Vikram Jeyathilak '22** | Sammamish, Wash.

**Josh Ling '23** | Lomita, Calif.

**Krutik Patel '22** | Avon, Ind.

**Alex Yan '24** | North Wales, Pa.

**Seungho You '23** | San Francisco, Calif.