

THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDIANA ALPHA — A New Beginning

SIGMA PHI EPSILON



PURDUE UNIVERSITY

From Every Ending Comes a New Beginning

MAKING STRIDES TOWARD CAMPAIGN GOALS AND STRATEGIZING FOR THE FUTURE

As we close out the spring semester and approach the finish line for *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha—A New Beginning*, we would like to thank everyone who has donated to date. We are nearing our fundraising goal of \$1.75 million; currently, we have donations of \$1,708,588 from 178 donors. We would also like to thank two of our donors who are non-brothers, including Chapter Advisor Nancy Friedersdorf for her gift of \$5,000 and Housemother Nonnie Owens for her gift of \$1,500.

The 690 Waldron renovation plan continues as we execute our timeline and work to achieve key milestones. As outlined in the last newsletter, the Kappa Delta sorority (the current tenants) are well underway with the construction of their new house and will be ready to move out of 690 Waldron in May 2023. Additionally, the architectural drawings through Scholer Corporation have been initiated; from an expense perspective, this is our most significant milestone to date. These two factors highlight our timeline, and the requirement to complete the renovation in time for the return of our brothers to 690 Waldron in the fall of 2024.

Another key element of the successful return of Indiana Alpha is new brother recruitment. As of this update, we have 28 brothers total, and we expect additional brothers as we complete the semester. This will be further accelerated through summer recruiting, as the recruiting process has been building. When most of us lived in the house, we had more than 80 brothers to support brother recruitment. As our numbers grow we build critical mass, which is crucial for driving recruitment success. We will be well-positioned to recruit new members when the house renovation is completed in 2024.

The progression of the house renovation plan and new member recruitment highlights the critical path of our fundraising efforts. **Given the challenges of the current state of inflation and potential supply chain issues, our stretch goal of \$2 million has become more of a requirement than a goal.** In our last newsletter, we launched three initiatives to further drive our campaign donations: One More Donor Challenge, Mom Nonnie Challenge, and Naming Rights.

1 ONE MORE DONOR CHALLENGE

This is an outreach to our 178 current donors to identify and engage a former brother, roommate, pledge brother, big brother, or close friend to make a donation. Our donor goal is 20% of active alumni, or 300 donors. One More Donor would ensure that our \$2 million goal is achieved. Please visit purduesigep.org/one-more-donor for details and campaign documents.

2 MOM NONNIE CHALLENGE

Our brothers from 1992 to 2004 (450 total) have fond memories

of Mom Nonnie and her support and impact on their time in the house. Clearly, she shares those memories and has made a generous donation of \$1,500. We have created a challenge to raise \$50,000 to secure the House Director's Suite to be named in her honor. Visit purduesigep.org/mom-nonnie-challenge for more details.

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NAMING RIGHTS

As the architectural aspects of the 690 Waldron renovation are defined, we have provided Naming Rights as part of our capital campaign incentives. We have defined donation values for the various areas of the house (e.g., rooms, veranda, great room), and a plaque will be provided identifying the donors and those designations. For donation levels and guidelines, visit purduesigep.org and select "Naming Rights" under the "Capital Campaign" tab.

For more details on the campaign and our goals that lie ahead, please visit purduesigep.org. Our progress and accomplishments continue, and we will update you with each newsletter. It is clear that in fall 2024, Indiana Alpha will be back in a newly renovated 690 Waldron with a strong brotherhood. To accomplish *all our objectives*, we need your unwavering support toward the capital campaign. Thank you for your contributions, whether they be donations of treasure or time!

Fraternally,
Jim Mosch '80
Campaign Chairman
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Learn More About Indiana Alpha's Campaign Initiatives

Interested in joining our mission to reach \$2 million in *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha—A New Beginning*? You can visit purduesigep.org for all things Indiana Alpha, or you can use your phone's camera to scan one of the following QR codes for more information on our upcoming initiatives.

One More Donor
Challenge



Mom Nonnie
Challenge



Naming
Rights



The Warm Glow of Brotherhood

What Our Campaign Means to the Nabhan Brothers

When **Norm Nabhan '71** received the call that Purdue had closed the Indiana Alpha Chapter after 110 years on campus, it was one of the worst calls of his life.

"I reflected on the gifts that my membership had given me and the tremendous friends I had made in SigEp, and I was crushed," he said. He vowed to do all he could to revive the chapter and preserve the same great experience that he and his brother, **Doug Nabhan '77**, had enjoyed.

"If I close my eyes and think of Purdue, all I see is our chapter house," Doug said. "It holds so many memories for me."



*Doug Nabhan '77 and Norm Nabhan '71
attending the SigEp Conclave in
Denver in July 2021.*

Now that Indiana Alpha is back, the Nabhan brothers are doing their part to preserve the future of the chapter.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Norm first visited SigEp with a friend from his dorm. The fraternity had a great reputation on campus, and he was impressed with mixture of leaders, athletes, and all-around great brothers. A bit insecure with himself by comparison, Norm was surprised when they asked him to join—but his confidence grew with the help of his new brothers. "I developed many leadership skills with the help of older brothers who took me under their wing."

Norm never pressured Doug to join SigEp when he came to Purdue, but visiting his older brother in the beautiful chapter house made it an easy choice

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THANK YOU, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank 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. Thank you!

Indiana Alpha Circle (\$100,000 and above)

Bequest from
John R. Grayson ’46
Hal Shevers ’57
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 ’61
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
Kenneth K. Wolff ’68
John L. Fox ’71
David T. Strother ’71
In memory of
Rick Ekstrom ’72,
Jim Suchomel ’72,
Doug Molls ’73, and
Ted Tedesco ’73
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
Nancy Friedersdorf, Ph.D.
Ruth C. Skillman
In memory of
Jack V. Skillman ’48
John F. Derr ’58
Donald M. Mitchell ’58
Sanford v. H. Olson ’59
Gerald L. Young ’59
Richard R. Mitchell ’60
Gregor D. Edwards ’66
John K. Oelslager ’66
Richard A. Peacock ’66
John R. Treat ’66
In memory of
Craig A. Beam ’66 and
John D. Popovich ’66
Gary L. Evans ’67
Jeffrey V. Conopask ’69
James S. Keller ’69
James H. Ham III ’72
Edward G. Gehlhausen ’74
Thomas E. Everly ’75
In memory of
G & O
Daryl R. Martz ’76
Gary L. Kotterman ’78
Lloyd “Mac” McGlinchy ’78

David R. Ehler ’79
James M. Keefe ’79
George F. Plesac ’79
Christopher D. Kelly ’80
Kevin J. Spurlock ’80
In honor of the
Fall ’76 Pledge Class
Gregory A. Hartman ’81
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
David E. Hetrick ’90
Mark S. Meyer ’93
Keith A. Rintamaa ’93
John A. Rittenhouse ’93
James M. Anderson ’95
Matthew D. Bennett ’00
Benjamin R. Miller ’01
Jacob G. Plesac ’12

Founders Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

John C. Miller ’58
Lawrence K. Volland ’63
G. Scott Dixon ’64
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
Timothy J. Kelly ’80
Steve Morgan ’81
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
Wade H. Miller ’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
Theodore J. Lanham ’49
Raymond G. Keller ’57
William V. Dohr ’59
David S. McMichael ’59
Richard F. Trowbridge ’59
Robert F. Kroeger ’60
Robert T. Thorson ’61
Kenneth A. Campbell ’64
Robert L. Flint ’64
David D. Schoeff ’64

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

As of May 15, 2022

Campaign Goal
\$1.75 Million

Total Commitments
\$1,703,588

Total Contributors
178

Byron H. White ’64
Andrew R. Ceperley ’65
Kenneth G. Miller ’66
Michael A. Burdick ’67
Richard T. Friestadt ’67
Jack Kacsur ’67*
Logan F. Wernz ’67
Steve R. Simmons ’68
August G. Voelkel ’68
C. Kelley Davidson ’69
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
Warren W. Browning ’78
Kerry A. Prielipp ’79
John R. Esgate ’80
Albert P. D’Andrea ’81
John W. Mac Gregor ’82
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
Patrick K. Crawford ’03
Paul J. Feldmann ’07

*Participant in Mom
Nonnie Challenge

THE WARM GLOW OF BROTHERHOOD

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for Doug. “They would show great movies in the cold-air dorm and all the guys would have dates; it was very Midwestern,” Doug said. He made many great friends at Indiana Alpha, such as his big brother, **Daryl Martz ’76**, and his two little brothers, **Scott Swisher ’79** and **Kevin Spurlock ’80**.

GIVE AND TAKE

SigEp provided many formative experiences for both brothers, and they worked to strengthen it in return. Norm felt in over his head when he became recruitment chairman as a junior, but some older brothers helped teach him best practices. The chapter risked closing if they didn’t bring in a big class, so Norm and the brothers worked hard and brought in 40 new members during their first-ever summer recruitment. Norm was elected both chapter president and IFC president the following year. “The leadership skills that I learned as a SigEp have helped me immensely in my career,” he said. “Working on a team to accomplish things was critically important.

Membership was low in one of Doug’s years as well, so the chapter once again worked hard to bring in an enormous pledge class. Doug fondly remembers practicing serenades with the new members, then renting tuxedos and sending them to sing for the sororities. “That single event put Sigma Phi Epsilon back on the map for many years,” he said. “I still get choked up when I hear any of the songs those great young men sang.”

The brotherhood also helped Doug through tragic times, including after he was in a car wreck that killed **Michael Miller ’75**. Two other brothers were severely injured, and Doug luckily had only minor injuries. **Don Giacchetti ’75** and **Sam Rabin ’76** in particular supported Doug and his brothers following that traumatic incident. “Sam forced me to get active on campus, which changed my life.” Doug joined the staff of Purdue’s old yearbook, *Debris*, and the editor at the time eventually became his wife of these past 43 years. He also became pledge class president, recruitment chairman, and chapter president.

LIFELONG BROTHERHOOD

SigEp leadership didn’t end for either brother after graduating. Norm volunteered on the Indiana Alpha AVC and the fraternity’s investment committee; he still serves on both today. He was ultimately elected Grand President in 1997, which was one of the great honors of his life—as was seeing his son Matt join SigEp at the University of Colorado and become chapter president. Doug worked for SigEp after graduation and went on to serve as general counsel for 26 years. “SigEp has always been an important part of my life,” he said.

PRESERVING OUR HOME

Norm recently spent a weekend at Purdue for a basketball game, reuniting with brothers he hadn’t seen since graduating. “A rush of memories and the warm glow of brotherhood came back immediately.” Doug and Norm joined *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha* to keep that brotherhood going for generations to come.

“Our house at Purdue has a great location, but it is 100 years old and needs to be updated for today’s college students,” Norm said. “That makes it critical that we raise the funds to do a major renovation.”

Both brothers’ lives were enriched by the friendships and leadership skills they developed in Indiana Alpha, and they want that opportunity to continue for future leaders. “It is easy to give back to the things that have given to us and changed our lives,” Norm said.

“Sigma Phi Epsilon has given me far more than I could ever give back,” Doug added.

If you’d like to connect with the Nabhan brothers or ask them about the campaign, you can reach Norm at grprez97@aol.com and Doug at doug.nabhan@gmail.com.