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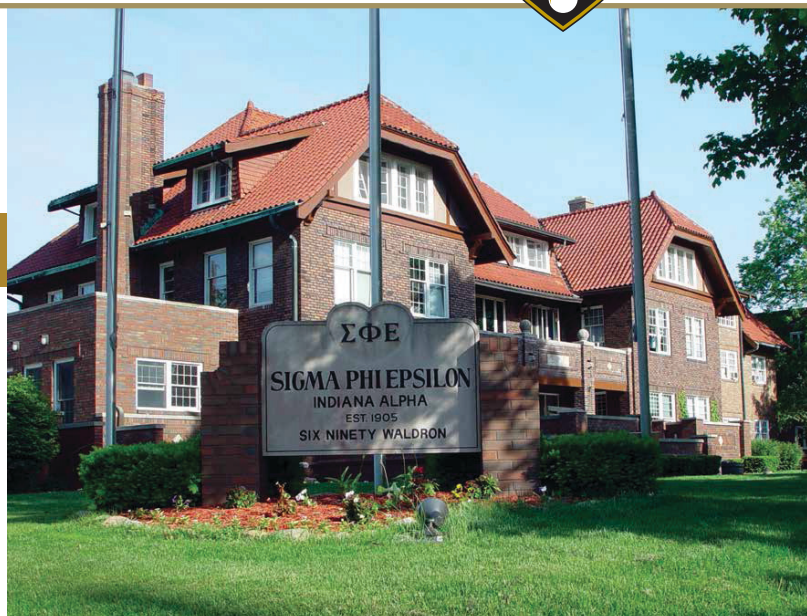


Faith in Our Brotherhood

Indiana Alpha Strives to Finish 2022 Strong

Summer is here, and we are nearing our initial fundraising goal of \$1.75 million. So far, 184 donors—including the wonderful Nancy Friedersdorf and Nonnie Owens—have raised \$1,717,088. I extend my deepest thanks to all who have brought us so far in *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha — A New Beginning*. Truly, the renovation of 690 Waldron would not be possible without every single one of you.

As you have read previously, our Kappa Delta tenants will be moved out by next summer, and the architectural drawings are in progress with Scholer and Associates of Lafayette. All of this keeps us on track to complete the renovation by fall 2024. This chapter house will not only be a home for our members, but it will also be an invaluable recruitment tool as we restore our membership numbers from years past. In the meantime, summer recruitment has been a boon to our chapter of 26 members and counting! (Read the construction report on page 6 for more project details.)



Based on our timeline, plus the recent inflation and supply chain challenges, it's crucial that we not settle for inching toward the goal line but instead make a combined push for the \$2 million stretch goal. Here are the three initiatives we've begun to make that happen:

ONE MORE DONOR CHALLENGE

We ask all our current donors to reach out to at least one brother in their circles and encourage them to donate. If we can grow our donor count to 300 (20% of active alumni), we will be on track to reach our \$2 million stretch goal.

MOM NONNIE CHALLENGE

To honor our beloved housemother and her generous donation, we challenge the many brothers from Mom Nonnie's years of service (1992-2004) to raise \$50,000 to name the House Directors Suite in her honor.

NAMING RIGHTS

Want to be part of our legacy in the new and improved 690 Waldron? Naming rights are available for various areas and rooms in the house; your name could be on a designated plaque! To view the options and donation guidelines, visit purduesigep.org and select "Naming Rights" under the "Capital Campaign" tab.

Achieving our \$2 million goal will allow us to reach all of our objectives. Not just a renovation, but a house that will make our new brothers and all alumni proud. It will be a statement of our commitment, and the status and longevity of SigEp at Purdue. On page 6 you will see an update from **Dave Andrews '79** and the renovation committee. The scope of the renovation is significant, and major expenditures for architectural drawings have been made. As noted, our brotherhood numbers are growing and we now have critical mass to accelerate brother recruitment. We also are on track to achieve our fundraising goal. There is no doubt our brothers will be moving into the renovated 690 Waldron in the fall of 2024. All of this underscores our need for your donations to ensure we hit our \$2 million goal. It is an investment that ensures SigEp will be at Purdue for generations to come.

You can review project details and make or update your pledge at purduesigep.org. Our undergraduates and alumni continue their hard work, which you'll continue to see in newsletters and other updates. Indiana Alpha will be ready to move back in to 690 Waldron in fall 2024, and your continued support will help us create the best version of that bright future. Thank you for believing in Indiana Alpha!

Fraternally,
Jim Mosch '80
Campaign Chairman
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THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDIANA ALPHA — A New Beginning

We Appreciate Your Unwavering Support Campaign Approaching \$1.75 Million Goal

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" McGlinicy '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
Byron H. White '64
Andrew R. Ceperley '65
Gilbert J. Frey '66
Kenneth G. Miller '66
Michael A. Burdick '67
Richard T. Friestadt '67
Jack Kacsur '67*
Logan F. Wernz '67
Michael A. Gilbert '68
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
Jerold 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
Scott L. Uebele '85
Thomas P. Andrews '86
James D. Farley '86
William J. Needham '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

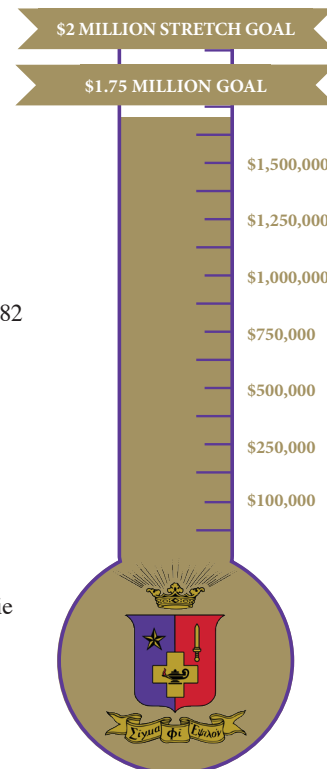
Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of July 20, 2022

Campaign Goal
\$1.75 Million

Total Commitments
\$1,717,088

Total Contributors
184





BOND OF BROTHERS

'60s ALUMNI RECAP THEIR LATEST REUNION—AND HOPES FOR MORE!

Throughout life, **Fred “Flash” Lash ‘66** often looks back to determine where he grew most as a person. It seems clear that a lot of those times were during his years at 690 Waldron Street in West Lafayette, Indiana.

“I felt as if my brothers always had my back and proved to be the kind of friends one rarely acquires in life,” Fred said. “Establishing close bonds with others really made a difference in my life.”

Those close bonds have only grown stronger as the years go on. In October 2021, a reunion was held with a large group of '60s brothers and their wives. The group included hosts Maggie and **Dana Smith ‘66**, Karen and **Tom Bryan ‘66**, **Steve Derrick ‘66**, Eileen and **Gary Evans ‘67**, Lucy and **Dick Peacock ‘66**, Ann and **Ken Miller ‘66**, Lynn and **Ted Hazledine ‘65**, Candy and **John Hunter ‘65**, Kathie and **John Oelslager ‘66**, Ann and **John Treat ‘66**, and Fred and his wife Donna.

“It was especially memorable as we sat together, reminiscing about our years in the house,” Fred shared. “It seemed as if we had picked up where we left off without all the time in between. I guess having true friends is like that ... time and distance never seem to matter. The laughter went on late into the night with, ‘Just one more story,’ before retiring to our rooms.”

Brother Dana and his wife Maggie made great lodging and dining arrangements in advance for everyone at the Whitaker Inn Bed and Breakfast north of campus.

Their reunion consisted of songs written and performed by Hobie Crumpacker (aka Steve Derrick), as well as afternoons spent golfing and touring the Samara (the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home in West Lafayette). They also enjoyed visiting the Memorial (or Gateway) Arch.

“Benchmark Fabricated Steel, the company of Brother **Ted Hazledine ‘65**, collaborated with the contractor, architect, and engineer to fabricate and erect the arch,” Fred said. “We, as Ted’s brothers, are very proud of this.”

While the location of the next brotherhood event is to be determined, Fred has no doubt there is bound to be another—it’s just too much fun not to! One consideration discussed during their visit last October was that, perhaps, the location should be shifted each time to visit other venues and sights.

During their reunion, they were not able to meet with the active brothers since they don’t currently occupy the beloved house; however, they were briefed about the progress being made and that their GPA is very impressive. It is nearly impossible to assess the complete status of our fraternity because of these



Taken during our reunion in October, all of us gathered under the Memorial Arch (or “Gateway Arch”) with the grand old Student Union Building in the background.

difficulties; however, there exists a vast amount of movement toward not only reoccupying the house, but also doing a lot of remodeling and putting numerous improvements into it before that reoccupation occurs.

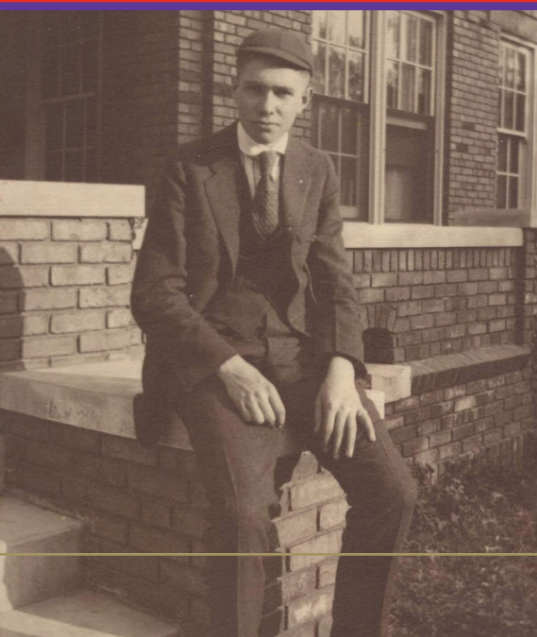
“A major fundraising campaign is in full swing, and those brothers who have not yet given are strongly encouraged to do so,” Fred urges. “We would certainly encourage all brothers to seek information regarding this colony that will be our future at Purdue and, one day, reside in the finest fraternity house at Purdue.”

Fred and his brothers look forward to giving Indiana Alpha brothers the opportunity to create the bonds they’ve made during their time as undergraduates. You can connect with Fred at fredanddonnalash@verizon.net.

After the reunion, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Kathie Oelslager—she will always be with us.

Do You Host Similar Reunions with SigEp Brothers? WE’D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT THEM!

If you have an alumni reunion story like the '60s group, we encourage you to share it with Indiana Alpha brothers. Send any submissions and photos to our consultant at alehr@penningtonco.com for a chance to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



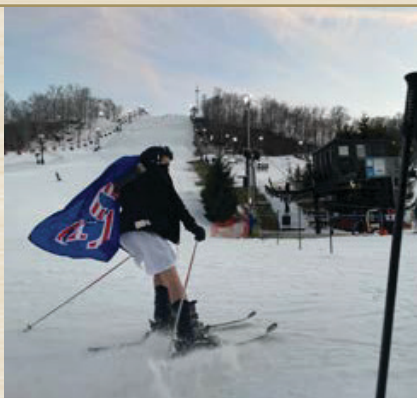
A surprise family legacy! Raymond Larson ‘22 as a freshman, sitting on the steps of the SigEp house. Tim Larson ‘77 did not know he was following in his grandfather’s footsteps until his grandmother gifted him Raymond’s pledge pin.

Chapter Eternal

Robert E. Samsen ‘51 – May 28, 2022

Darrell A. Wright ‘64 – July 19, 2019

Michael R. Kenworthy ‘77 – 1997



SigEp brothers spent two nights at Perfect North for their ski trip.

Strengthening Bonds and Learning to Lead

SIGEP'S SPRING OF PROGRESS



Brothers standing proud during the 2021-22 class photo shoot.



SigEps volunteering at Almost Home Animal Shelter alongside Delta Gamma.

This past semester, SigEp's Indiana Alpha Chapter made groundbreaking progress. At the start of the semester, Indiana Alpha sent brothers to Purdue's Meet the Greeks, which would start the process of recruiting five new members. Two weeks later, Indiana Alpha's executive board ventured off to the Carlson Leadership Academy in Chicago, where the brothers learned about the true potential their positions have in the fraternity. The executive board then distributed this knowledge to their brothers on Indiana Alpha's first ski weekend since the pandemic. During this weekend, the brothers skied through the mountains at Perfect North and laughed the nights away in Indianapolis.

Afterward, Indiana Alpha took multiple trips to Almost Home Animal Shelter to provide loving cats and dogs with the resources they need. As winter began to fade, the brothers gathered for Super Bowl LVI, where many of SigEp's Bengals fans were met with disappointment as the Los Angeles Rams scored a last-minute, game-winning touchdown to become Super Bowl champions.

Throughout the semester, SigEp performed multiple Sigma and Phi rituals to teach brothers the lessons and values of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. We also made our soccer skills known on campus by competing in our first intramural soccer league and hosting our first SigEp Soccer Tournament for philanthropy.

As academic stresses began to rise, our brothers began study sessions in the library to build a sense of camaraderie and help brothers in need. To decrease our brothers' stress, we also had pool nights in Purdue's Memorial Union to give brothers a chance to laugh and bond together.

During April, SigEp hosted SigEp Bowl, a football competition among brothers. As spring rolled upon West Lafayette, SigEp hosted its first formal in five years. SigEp alumnus **Scott McCain '82** and his wife, SigEp mentor Lori McCain, joined for happy hour, sharing stories of their time at Purdue. Finally, the semester concluded with Purdue's first Grand Prix since the pandemic, where the brothers celebrated their accomplishments over the past semester together.

We can't wait for this fall to see what it brings to the brotherhood. Have a great summer!

Fraternally,
Josh Ling '23
Chapter President



Brothers took on the 2022 Grand Prix with Sigma Delta Tau sorority.

READY FOR RECRUITMENT

Do you know any undergraduates who might make for an excellent SigEp brother? Refer them to our Balanced Man Scholarship online form! Access the form at <https://forms.gle/Xm6FotXr3A5LYTc3A>.



SigEp brothers hosting our first SigEp Soccer Tournament, which included Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Triangle, ZBT, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Pi, and SAE.

2021-22 in a Nutshell



More active on campus and in community



First formal function in **five** years



Partnered with **nine** Greek chapters



More than **500** service hours



Increased membership from 20 to **26**

Welcome, New Members

Liam Gibbons '25

Adrian Gomez '25

Mat Panikar '25

Utkarsh Singh '24

Emir Tataroglu '25



Save the Dates

Homecoming is Saturday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. against the Florida Atlantic Owls!

Our **annual AVC meeting** will be held on Saturday, September 24, at 9 a.m. Look for us in PMU as usual with further details to be announced soon.

Our **annual alumni dinner** will be held on Friday, September 23. We will send an email with specifics as we get closer to the event.

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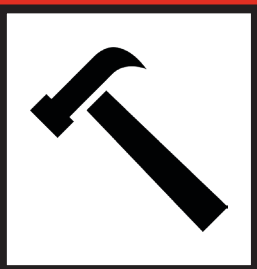
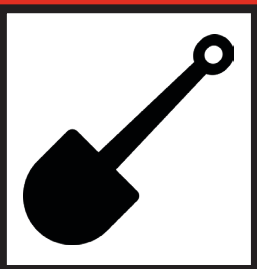
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CONSTRUCTING THE FUTURE



The Work Begins

This is the moment we have been working toward for several years: We have signed an architectural contract with Scholer and Associates of Lafayette to formally design the new (but old!) home of Indiana Alpha! The women of Kappa Delta, our wonderful tenants for the last few years, are well underway on building a new home on Grant Street. They will vacate the house in May 2023, and we will start interior demolition and remodeling immediately. Larson-Danielson Construction, led by **Tim Larson '77** and **Terry Larson '80**, will be the general contractor. They have generously donated their fees to the project. The renovations will be completed by summer 2024, in time for the brothers to start the 2024-25 school year in a state-of-the-art, beautiful new home.

The house will basically be taken down to the bricks with every portion of the house redone. The cold-air dorm will be replaced by normal sleeping/study rooms. There will be study lounges on each floor along with night kitchens and laundry areas on the upper floors. All the exterior windows will be replaced and exterior landscaping will be updated. One exciting item will be the addition of a large classroom area in the basement, which will seat

25 people. We envision campus-wide classes and seminars being held on a regular basis.

Guest washrooms will be added just off the Great Hall so that guests will not have to utilize the brothers' washroom or the current women's room by the rear door. All new HVAC systems will be added as well as a fire sprinklers, fire alarms, electronic security, and an elevator.

This has all been made possible by the incredibly generous donations of our alumni and the amazing fundraising efforts of **Jim Mosch '80** and **Norm Nabhan '71**. Probably the most crucial item is the hard work of **Mitch Salyers '93**, our local chapter counselor, who has worked incredibly hard to help the undergraduates increase the membership to 26 young men!

Keep an eye out for future editions of *From the Heart* for campaign and construction updates.

Fraternally,
David Andrews '79
Renovation Committee