



The BATTLEFIELD SIG

Fall 2021

THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

A SUCCESSFUL HOMECOMING WEEKEND Brothers Reunited Once Again

On September 25, many alumni returned to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to enjoy a beautiful weekend. This weekend served to host three large campus events: the Class of 2020 returned to campus and walked through Penn Hall for their official in-person graduation, the class of 2016 returned for their five-year reunion, and the rest of the campus was welcomed back to enjoy a Homecoming weekend full of tailgates, campus events, football, and all our favorite Gettysburg-area institutions.

Meanwhile at 240 Carlisle St., the undergraduates were generous enough to let the House Corporation Board host an event to welcome back our brothers. Brother **Noah Fatzinger '18** stayed up all night leading up to the event slow-cooking more pork shoulder and fixings than we could handle the next day (the Fatzinger BBQ is becoming a staple of ΣΧ alumni events for those who feel that they may have missed out).

Former House Corporation President **Sam Blum '15** and Treasurer **High Garst '20** met the guests on the front porch to conduct a dedication ceremony of our memorial placard of Brother **Gerry Royals '52** and the newly added brick garden. We thank all those who have donated bricks, and we encourage you to find yours out front on your next visit to campus! To those who would like to be included in the next installment, please contact **Kevin Isky '21** at iskyke01@comcast.net.

Brothers from the Alpha class have continued to show their commitment to the chapter at nearly every alumni event. Although we can all admit that much has changed since our rechartering, we can all agree that this chapter continues to recruit and graduate leaders of men.



Brothers enjoyed getting together on September 25 to enjoy Homecoming Weekend.

As for our hosts, the undergraduates continue to impress us with their resilience, character, and welcoming attitudes toward all alumni. Our implicit confidence is placed in them, and we know they will continue the rich tradition of the Theta Chapter, on campus and into the post-graduate world. We celebrate our graduates, support our undergraduates, and look forward to the next time we can gather again!

In Hoc,
Drew Edelson '18
Events Chairman

Theta Brothers Lead the Way Give Back Today!

The goal of Sigma Chi is to help our brothers turn into leaders and achieve greatness. Our brothers have been nothing short of great, and we hope to keep guiding generations to come. If you would like to give back as leaders, it would be greatly appreciated. Make your gift today by visiting <https://contributions.omegafi.com/contributions/product/theta-chapter-sx-getty-annual-hc>.

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ACHIEVING GREATNESS

HOW SIGMA CHI HELPED ALAN FUERSTMAN '78 GROW

In the 1970's, fraternal life was the main social activity at Gettysburg College. With 80% of men pledging fraternities the same year, **Alan Fuerstman '78** knew Sigma Chi was the right choice for him. It was not only about the camaraderie, but also the diversity and sense of community.

Alan enjoyed many things about being a part of the brotherhood, and pledge week was especially memorable. He also enjoyed spending time with his brothers at the annual beach party and participating in intramural sports and Derby Days.

What really stood out for Alan was the opportunity to do great things. As all Sigma Chi brothers aspire to achieve greatness, that is exactly what Alan strove for as well. Alan is the founder, chairman, and CEO of Montage International. Hotels have always been a part of who he is. He started his hospitality career as a doorman his senior year of high school and worked summers during college as a bellman. After college, he started as a bell captain and worked his way up through every department. He learned the ropes and proceeded to run some of the world's greatest hotels, such as The Phoenician resort in Arizona and Bellagio in Las Vegas.

"Creating Montage was the culmination of a career in hotels as well as an entrepreneurial spirit that drove me to build a brand and hotel company that redefined ultra-luxury," Alan said. "The extraordinarily gracious and humble approach to luxury service that Montage is known for, and the incredible resorts and hotels that capture the sense of place in each locale have positioned Montage as the top-performing hotel brand in North America."



Being in the hospitality business has been very rewarding for Alan; some of his favorite parts have been launching Montage Laguna Beach and creating Pendry Hotels and Resorts with his son, Michael. He is honored that his hotels have received tremendous recognition, such as Montage being the only North America brand to have all its hotels rated five stars by Forbes.

It all comes back to Sigma Chi—Theta Chapter has always been a key player in his success. "I look back fondly at my college years, and Sigma Chi was a large part of that," Alan said. "Friendships made, experiences shared, and living closely with a group of men from different backgrounds with different perspectives helped shape my thinking and contributed to my personal growth."

With many accomplishments under Alan's belt, he is pleased to add the distinction of Significant Sig to the list. "As a pledge, when reading about Significant Sigs like John Wayne, baseball hall of famer Jim Palmer, and hotel icon Bill Marriott, I was in awe to be part of an organization that had them as members," Alan said. "I feel incredibly honored to be recognized by my fraternity for my professional accomplishments and am proud to be a Sigma Chi."

Alan has been married to his sweetheart for 40 years. They have four children, two boys and two girls, and three grandchildren. He enjoys traveling, playing golf and tennis, and music. He even plays in a band with his sons!

To hear more about Alan's journey, please visit www.thefounderhour.com/episodes/alan-fuerstman-montage-international.

WELCOME, NEW THETA BROTHERS

Michael Bachre '24
Clarence, N.Y.

Alexander Kagan '24
Guilford, Conn.

Declan Sheeran '24
McLean, Va.

Colton Bayesa '23
Camp Hill, Pa.

Malcolm Lathrop-Allen '24
Topeka, Kan.

Logan Sodl '24
Stroudsburg, Pa.

Sam DeBrandt '24
Kensington, Md.

Harrison Moore '23
Elizabeth City, N.C.

Daniel Soloway '24
Setauket, N.Y.

David Goldman '24
Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.

Teague Olewiler '24
Lewes, Del.

Hunter Sundlun '24
Richmond, Va.

Andrew "Hayden" Johnson '24*
Richmond, Va.
(Laverne Johnson,
Gamma Tau '52)

Ben Rose '24
Ridgewood, N.J.

Anthony Sanchez '24
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Conor Vienneau '24
Lapata, Md.

*Legacy



In honor of Max Gruver, Sigma Chi Theta takes part in National Hazing Prevention Week. The chapter participated in "These Hands Don't Haze" in September 2021. Brothers of Sigma Chi and Sisters of Alpha Delta Pi came together to spread awareness and stand against hazing.



Left: Brothers David Wiener '22 and Peter Halsey '23 represented Theta Chapter at the Huntsman Retreat of Excellence (for chapters raising more than \$50K). David and Peter met with international sweetheart, Shelby Mecklenberg, University of Cincinnati '23, Significant Sig Jon Huntsman Jr., University of Utah '87, and recent Grand Consul Steve Schuyler, University of Arizona '79. **Middle:** David Wiener '22 and Peter Halsey '23 at the Huntsman Retreat of Excellence. **Right:** Brothers Shane Shannon '22, Sam Jagolinzer '22, Shane Carley '23, and Peter Halsey '23 at Gettysburg College representing Sigma Chi Theta at Derby Days 2021. The brothers helped to raise money and coach teams to make Derby Days during COVID-19 a success!

Theta Brothers Come Together A Strong Brotherhood

Hello, brothers. I am proud to say that the state of the Theta Chapter at Gettysburg College remains strong. Our undergraduate brotherhood is pleased to announce that we have fully returned to residential life at Gettysburg College after a tumultuous year separated by computer screens and hundreds of miles. During a semi-residential semester this past spring, our chapter found ways to meaningfully connect as a brotherhood and with the campus community. Our crowning achievement of the last year was our Derby Days campaign, where we raised money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Philanthropy Chairman **David Wiener '22** said this about our efforts: "I first and foremost would like to sincerely thank everyone for their help and dedication during this past year's Derby Days. We ended with a grand total of \$52,213, and we would not have reached that number without the time and energy from everyone involved. We have shown again that Theta Chapter can do truly incredible things when we come together and that we belong among the top chapters in this country."

Although we were not allowed to take on a spring pledge class last year, our brotherhood dedicated itself throughout two long recruitment weeks in September to bring in a class of incredible pledges. Magister **Will Hopkins '22** reports, "The fall 2021 pledge class consists of 16 eager young men who are very excited to join our organization composed of different talents, temperaments, and convictions. As their magister, it has been my privilege to spend time educating them and watching them grow in confidence through our new member education program." We cannot wait to welcome them into our brotherhood after they complete their pledge process!

For the first time in two years, our undergraduate brothers welcomed alumni brothers back to the chapter house in late September for a get-together and plaque unveiling ceremony. It was so rewarding to reconnect with alumni brothers—both recent and from years past. Theta Chapter looks forward to more events as campus life returns to its new normal. Speaking on behalf of the entire brotherhood, we could not be more excited to continue making positive change in our community through our philanthropic efforts and build a thriving chapter through the impact of our brothers.

Ben Johnson '22

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Recent graduates pictured in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, at the chapter house.



Brothers recieved the "Smallest Undergraduate School in the 50K Club" award at Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop 2021!

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John Francis "Jon" Connolly '63 entered Chapter Eternal in April 2021 due to complications from Familial Pulmonary Fibrosis. Jon started off his career in advertising and earned many awards throughout his career, including Clio, ANDYS, and ADDY. He also participated in The Rainbow Division of the National Guard in New York City. He was co-writer of *The Dream Team*, *Eddie*, *Opportunity Knocks*, as well as "script doctor" for an abundance of other movies. Jon enjoyed mentoring young writers. Jon attended Gettysburg College where he enjoyed playing intramural football, boxing, and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, which stayed with him his entire life. Jon is survived by his wife, Deborah, his daughter, two grandchildren, his sisters, and countless nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues who all claim that Jon was the "best friend they ever had."

Robert Zander "Bob" Wagner '61 entered Chapter Eternal on March 28, 2021, in Poquoson, Va. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1961 and served in the Vietnam War. He served for 21 years as a navigator and F-111 weapons system officer and retired in 1982 with the rank of major. He was recognized for his service and received many awards, including Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Distinguished Flying Cross. Bob was devoted to his community and was a member of Christ the King Episcopal Church and Poquoson Lions Club. He also supported charitable groups, including the armed forces, Gettysburg College students and alumni, and wildlife conservation. Bob enjoyed fishing, volunteering, traveling, and attending bible study groups. Bob is survived by his wife of 39 years, Bobbie, three children, a grandson, and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents.
If your son is still attending Gettysburg College, he will receive a copy at the chapter house.
If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.