



The BATTLEFIELD SIG

Fall 2024

THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Autumn Updates

A REPORT FROM YOUR HOUSE CORP

With the arrival of fall weather, I hope you all have been able to enjoy the change in foliage and the return of football season. Though the leaves show new colors, our alumni and the House Corporation continue to prove our brotherhood's enduring, perennial nature extends well past the bounds of our collegiate home.

FUNDING OUR SX SCHOLARSHIPS

Now that the 160th anniversary is behind us, we look forward to guiding the chapter to its 165th. Recently, the House Corp ran a successful campaign to raise scholarship funds for qualifying undergraduates. Our alumni contributed just under \$3,000 in a little over a month. Thanks to the generosity of our brothers, we can sustain the **Gerry Royals '54** and **Jeff Gier '22** scholarships for an additional 2-4 years. Although the initial goal has been met, this campaign will continue until January 1; donations may be made at gettysburgsx.causevox.com.

HOMEcoming AND THE HOUSE CORP

Homecoming 2024 activities were successful in bringing the fraternity together. On September 20-21, nearly two dozen brothers from a range

of class years attended a happy hour welcome party at The Upper Crust and a barbecue luncheon at the chapter house. Attendees then voted in this year's House Corp Board. Reprising their roles are **Chris Severini '18**, **Michael Boncardo '18**, **High Garst III '20**, **Kevin Isky '21**, **Alec Cottone '17**, and **Gus Brouillard '22**. (Get to know them better on page 3!)

NEGOTIATING WITH GETTYSBURG

House Corp is currently in negotiations with Gettysburg College to restructure our licensing agreement to use the chapter house. The College spurred these negotiations to homogenize housing agreements between all fraternities occupying College-owned buildings. Formal language has not yet been finalized and the House Corp is zealously working to secure the most favorable terms for our chapter. More information will become available in the future.

WE WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!

As always, House Corp thanks you for your continued support of Theta Chapter and for being a valued member of our readership! Don't forget to stay in touch with us by email at thetahousecorp@gmail.com, on the Sigma



2025 Alumni Reunion Weekend

May 29 to June 1

Brothers from class years of 2020, 2015, 2000, and 1975 (along with any other alumni who'd like to attend) are invited to enjoy a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship. A full schedule of events to be held at the Chapter House will be released by the House Corporation soon. Keep an eye on your inbox for more information!

Chi Theta Alumni Network Facebook page, or via LinkedIn at Sigma Chi: Gettysburg Alumni Network.

In Hoc Signo Vinctes,
Kevin M. Isky '21
Vice President

HELP THETA CHAPTER GROW

Submit a Recruitment Referral Today

If you know a current or incoming student who would be a good fit for our brotherhood, send their information and your reference to our recruitment chairman, **Alex McDonnell '26**, at mcdonal03@gettysburg.edu or (203) 451-5910. If possible, we would like to know the recruit's graduation year, potential major, hometown, and any high school activities or campus involvement.

Chapter Goals

1

Add 15 or more high-quality men during recruitment.

2

Reconnect with alumni through the *Battlefield Sig* newsletter, Derby Days, professional networking opportunities, and events on campus.

3

Create high-quality transition documents to aid the incoming executive team and ensure all important files and documents are digitized.

We Asked New Members

Why Sigma Chi?

"The supportive community at Sigma Chi made me feel welcome the second I met the brothers."

–Sam Nelson '27

"Theta Chapter's members welcomed me and made me feel right at home."

–Kris Nguyen '27

"I appreciated the chapter's welcoming attitude and the fact that Sigma Chi prioritizes academics."

–Ben O'Connor-Skloot '27

"The mission of Sigma Chi, and the values Theta Chapter holds, are indisputably valuable for the success of its members."

–Nicholas Pinto '27

"The brotherhood at Sigma Chi is unparalleled on campus and I wouldn't change a thing."

–Matthew Porreca '27

A STRONG START

Undergraduates Return to Campus

Theta Chapter has had a terrific start to the school year. We sent out 17 invitations to join the brotherhood and received 17 acceptances to begin the Preparation for Brotherhood process.

15 IN A ROW!

Consul **Quinn Klaiman '25** attended the Krach Transformational Leadership Workshop where he received the chapter's 15th-straight Blue Peterson Award. We also received a visit from the Hunstman Foundation and look forward to beating last year's total of over \$20,000 raised at Derby Days.

SUMMER SUCCESSES

Members were busy doing good work over the summer.

- Brotherhood Chairman **Dan Nguyen '26** interned at KPMG in Berlin, Germany, and traveled to five countries.
- Brother **Parker Cohen '26** volunteered in Hua Hin, Thailand, building schools for three weeks.
- Quaester **Michael Fellman '25** interned at AtriCure, working with their clinical and regulatory teams.

ACADEMICS

In the classroom, brothers remain students of fair ability with ambitious goals. Brother **James Weedon '25** was a part of X-sig research with the psychology department, observing rats and behavioral neuroscience. Brother **Ryder Hobbs '25** was accepted to the Kolbe Fellowship and will be doing independent research with Professor Vernon Cisney on post-modern philosophy this fall.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

The chapter remains engaged on campus, as brothers are involved with NCAA baseball, tennis, and swim teams as well as the club hockey, rugby, and soccer teams. We also have participants in Relay for Life, the Gettysburg Fashion Institute, the Thrifting Club, Listeners and Performers, Greek Emerging Leaders, and Order of Omega.

Thank you for continuing to support Theta Chapter as we strive to better ourselves and grow stronger together! The chapter is working on new ways for undergraduates to connect with alumni brothers, so look forward to hearing more from us soon.



In Hoc Signo Vinces,
Quinn Klaiman '25
Consul



Top: Ryder Hobbs '25, Michael Fellman '25, and Alex Saville '25 sell shirts from the front porch during the most recent Derby Days. **Above:** Brothers enjoy a fun evening at the bowling alley. **Left:** Brother Joe Curry '25 twins with our mascot, M.J.

MOVING THETA FORWARD

Get to Know the House Corporation Board



A fraternity's long-term success relies on strong leadership and a dedicated alumni base. Members of Theta Chapter's House Corporation Board took time to discuss their fraternal backgrounds and why they chose to serve the brotherhood.

What compelled you to join Sigma Chi?

"When I arrived at Gettysburg, some of my first friends were Sigs. I saw them as campus leaders who knew how to balance working hard and playing hard."

—Alec Cottone '17, Events Chairman



"Greek life was very foreign to me, and I was dragged unwillingly to recruitment week by my sophomore-year roommate. I ended up being drawn to Sigma Chi because of the caliber and rich variety of men who formed its brotherhood."

—Michael Boncardo '18, Secretary

"Freshman-year friends convinced me to join based on interactions with the brothers and the fraternity's reputation for being gentlemen who knew how to have fun."

—Chris Severini '18, President



"Upon discovering that Theta Chi—my father's fraternity—was suspended, I joked with him I'd join the one with most similar sounding name; however, I joined Sigma Chi because of the solid connections I made during recruitment."

—Kevin Isky '21, Vice President

"Seeing the older Sigs and their commitment to both team and fraternity exposed me to the brotherhood and possibility of a balanced life. I found my people. The genuine brothers, their honest hospitality, and the deep insight I gained by pledging was mind-boggling."

—Gus Brouillard '22, Young Alumni Liaison

What motivated you to join the HCB?

"Sigma Chi was such an important, formative experience in my life that I feel compelled to give back and support future Sigs."

—Alec

"I served as Consul as an undergraduate and came to understand that the chapter only operates due to selfless service of undergraduates and alumni. The continuation of my service is the natural growth of my time as Consul. I strive to make other alumni understand continued service helps the undergraduate chapter thrive."

—Michael

"The brothers I met in those few years at Gettysburg continue to be my best friends to this day. Brothers have helped me in my career, have shown themselves to be men of character, and lent me support when I've been down. These experiences led to my continued involvement."

—Chris



Can you share a goal you hope to accomplish during your HCB tenure?

"Securing the chapter's long-term financial and operational independence from the Gettysburg administration. This means investing enough funds such that the chapter can sustain its needs. While the House Corporation can facilitate that goal, we cannot accomplish it without advocacy, support, expertise, and contributions from our alumni."

—Kevin

"I would like to publish something on Theta's history at Gettysburg. As an undergraduate, I wrote a 20-page paper on the chapter's history and found it enlightening and fun. As a person working in the field of public history, I always wanted to make history relevant for people. Theta's history and the role it serves is not only something misunderstood but also fascinating for our brothers."

—Gus

What is your vision for Theta Chapter's future?

"I want to see Theta continue to be a tight-knit group of men who recognize the value of academics and working hard while also enjoying their fleeting time together."

—Alec

"I envision a chapter which provides the same sense of brotherhood and belonging as the one I received when I was an undergraduate."

—Michael

"I hope our chapter will maintain its aims of friendship, justice, and learning and continue its tradition of excellence. Being a fraternity brother at Gettysburg today is a lot different than when I was a student in 2014! Despite current challenges, I envision Theta will remain a beacon for young men of character to socialize and forge lifelong friendships."

—Chris

"I see Theta continuing in its current form, albeit at a smaller scale. With college enrollment declining, the chapter may downsize to its traditional 30-to-35-brother membership. I see this as a positive for tightening fraternal bonds, mitigating risk, keeping traditions, and maintaining the high quality of our chapter."

—Kevin

"I joined to give undergraduates the same experience I had, with great older brothers to look up to and guys who put their words into action. I want them to understand that it is not all partying, but it includes learning how to function as a group of men. I also hope to regain ownership of the house from the College and improve it for better use going forward."

—Gus

You've Got Mail ...We Hope!

Today

ResearchProves
The Value of the Fraternity Experience
Alumni finish their collegiate years ahead...

Member Class Group Chat
When's Our Next Meetup?
Lunch last month was great. Let's do it again!

Theta Chapter at Gettysburg College !
Are You Getting Our Emails?
It's easy to update your info!

Send your preferred info to
updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com.

Make sure your fraternity brothers
are also getting emails.

My info is already up to date. Let's
start reading *The Battlefield Sig*!



The BATTLEFIELD SIG

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



The new pledge class is ready for an exciting future with Theta Chapter!

Tyler Blanz '27
Glenn Ridge, N.J.

Edward Kim '27
Weston, Conn.

Kris Nguyen '27
Hanoi, Vietnam

Connor Booth '27
Wallingford, Conn.

Owen Kutlu '27
Mendham, N.J.

Ben O'Connor-Skloot '27
Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

Sam Fee '27
Biglerville, Pa.

Cole Martin '27
Harrisonburg, Va.

Nick Pinto '27
Darien, Conn.

Sebastian Gikas '27
Westport, Conn.

Jacob Neldner '27
Needham, Mass.

Matthew Porreca '27
Blue Bell, Pa.

Alexander Henderson '27
Trenton, N.J.

Sam Nelson '27
Gettysburg, Pa.

Joseph Rivera '27
Morris Plains, N.J.

Hayden Strittmatter '25
Mount Sinai, N.Y.

**Check out what our new
members have to say on page 2!**

INVEST IN THE FUTURE GENERATION

Make a Gift Today

Show your support for Theta Chapter and help fund the things that make our brotherhood unique. Generous contributions from our alumni directly enhance the undergraduate experience and preserve the Sigma Chi legacy at Gettysburg College.

Scan the QR code now to visit our giving portal at gettysburgsx.causevox.com and learn more about how your contribution makes a difference and explore giving options.

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