



The BATTLEFIELD SIG

Spring 2025

THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Exciting News for Greek Life at Gettysburg

FRESHMAN RECRUITMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSE IMPROVEMENT

Welcome back to the pages of *The Battlefield Sig*! In this edition, we celebrate the achievements of our youngest brothers over the past few months while looking to upcoming developments in our alumni brothers' lives and the state of Greek life at Gettysburg.

This February, the Gettysburg Office of Student Activities and Greek Life indicated the College's renewed interest in promoting its fraternities and sororities. The College is looking to put Greek organizations front and center as valued communities on campus. These ambitions bring good news for Theta, for the College is willing to partner with us to improve and invest in our chapter house, proudly display the Sigma Chi crest around campus, and highlight the chapter's contributions to the Gettysburg community.

If you have suggestions for meaningful improvement to the chapter house, we would like to hear from you at thetahousecorp@gmail.com!

So far, the College is true to its word, allowing their first effort to materialize as a two-year trial period where freshmen can go through recruitment during their spring semester beginning spring 2026. Notably, this decision reverses college policy dating back to 1999, and the House Corp sees this as a viable opportunity to expand our brotherhood. We're taking steps now to address the challenges of taking an earlier class of brothers.

Considering these possibilities, the House Corp is preparing for future

investment in Theta: bolstering scholarship and securing financial sustainability. After a highly successful scholarship fundraising campaign outperforming goals last fall, the House Corp consulted with an alumnus on safe investment strategies. Through sound investment, we aim to grow our general and scholarship funds to meet the financial needs of the chapter long-term.

This semester's Jeff Gier Memorial Scholarship recipient is **Parker Cohen '26**. **Jeff Grier '23**, who passed away unexpectedly during his time at Gettysburg, was an advocate for the benefits of studying abroad. His scholarship helps brothers fund their semesters around the globe. Parker has put his scholarship to good use by studying in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Lastly, we turn our attention to our alumni's recent engagements. Love has been in the air, it seems, so we celebrate our brothers who have taken on new commitments toward marriage. The House Corp thanks you all for sharing these moments with us!

As always, thank you for tuning in to the latest edition of *The Battlefield Sig*. If you, too, have achievements or experiences to share, please reach out to us at the email above.

In Hoc,
Kevin M. Isky '21
House Corp Vice President
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Sam Engel '18 got engaged to Sydney Snyder on February 15 in snowy, picturesque Quebec City, Canada.



Brayden Bolan '19 and his now-fiancée, Emily Marsh, brought new heights to the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland, by getting engaged on March 19.



The proposal of Andrew Depaul '18 to his girlfriend, Lydia Krull, in November 2023 was truly a movie to behold.



House Corp President Chris Severini '18 got engaged to his sweetheart, Kenzie Horst (Gettysburg Gamma Phi '20), on the sun-kissed shores of Hawaii in May 2024.



Events Chairman Alec Cottone '18 popped the question to Katie McMillan in true Philly fashion at the Barnes Foundation on August 10, 2024.

SIGMA CHI MEMORIES

The Edelsons Share Their Fraternity Experiences

Greg Edelson '87 went through recruitment with friends his freshman year, and they were all drawn to Sigma Chi. The fraternity was a great choice, as he gained early opportunities for responsibility and collaboration, such as serving as recruitment chairman and steward. He has many wonderful memories of his time in Theta Chapter. "As a freshman, I remember having to entertain the brothers at lunch with skits—some of the funniest memories from college."

When Greg's sons chose to join Sigma Chi, he hoped they would have a similar experience to what he had and that they would make lifelong friends.

When it was time for **Drew** '18 to decide which fraternity to join, "I found a group of men in Sigma Chi who were academically driven, kind, inclusive, and fun-loving." Sigma Chi allowed him to work toward a common goal with like-minded people from different backgrounds.

Jack '21 appreciated Sigma Chi's emphasis on the value of friendship. "Once I became a brother, everyone welcomed me with open arms, and I knew I had made the right choice." Theta Chapter has enabled him to befriend people of different personalities and aptitudes.

Like their father, Drew and Jack made great memories in Sigma Chi. Drew enjoyed when alumni would visit the house and point out brothers on the composites, sharing their stories and "where are they now" tales.

"My favorite memory from Sigma Chi hands down was when the parents of Brother **William Forrey** '20 let the entire brotherhood come down to their fishing and beer men's retreat lodge outside of Lancaster, Pennsylvania," Jack recalled. "Forrey's parents were incredible



The Edelson men, from left: Greg, Julia, Drew, Jack

hosts, and it was hilarious to have 30-plus guys bunking in a huge room in this cabin. There was so much positive energy that night, and I distinctly remember thinking that this is what a fraternity is all about."

Sharing the Sigma Chi brotherhood has strengthened the Edelson's bond, and they enjoy telling stories of their Sigma Chi days, influencing each other's decision-making, and offering advice and support to each other. As brothers, they've enjoyed activities together such as attending cookouts at the house when Jack was an undergraduate.

"Every winter, we would work at a food bank and stay at the house of **Bill Sapoch, Dickinson** '84 in Montclair, New Jersey. We would hang out with the Princeton guys, the Fairleigh Dickinson guys, and other Sigs in the area," Drew recalled.

You can connect with Drew at edelsondrew@gmail.com, Jack at jack.edelson@gmail.com, and Greg at gedelson@validfill.com.

"The College and the fraternity are both big enough to have incredible facilities and opportunities, but they are both small enough that you have to do some work to uphold the institutions. It trains you to be an adult who takes on responsibility in their career and their community, and it teaches that great institutions don't just appear out of thin air—they have to be grown and maintained by people who care." —Greg Edelson '87

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We Value Your Support

Thank you to our generous donors who have chosen to financially support Theta Chapter in 2024 and (so far!) in 2025. Your commitment to our brotherhood helps ensure a strong future for Sigma Chi at Gettysburg.

Jeanette Grenda

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Thetas in front of the chapter house.

Leaders on Campus *Reflecting on a Strong Spring*

I am proud to announce that Theta Chapter has continued to be an impactful force on campus. Over the last few months, we successfully initiated a spring pledge class and actively participated in several philanthropic events, including Pie-a-Pi, Pie-a-Chi, Chi-O Night Live, and Mr. AOII. Moreover, seniors **Michael Fellmann '25** and **Jude Belas '25** presented their capstone projects, contributing to the advancement of academic research.

Regarding the spring pledge class, the chapter welcomed two initiates, **Lorenzo Zullo '26** and **Nate Hoang '26**, who have since lent their efforts to the chapter's signature philanthropic initiative: Derby Days. This annual fundraising event supports the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute, in partnership with Sigma Chi

chapters across the continent, with our past efforts raising between \$25,000 to \$50,000 through a week-long series of activities engaging with sororities. Theta Chapter has raised over \$24,000 so far!

In addition to our regular campus involvement and annual philanthropy, Theta Chapter had the honor of hosting this year's Province Workshop. This event brought us together with brothers from Sigma Chi chapters at Penn State and Bucknell for a weekend of leadership development and brotherhood. As part of the weekend's programming, Theta also conducted an internal chapter strategic planning session, led by Chapter Advisor **Richard Krisch, Pittsburg State '73**. This session provided

valuable insight and will shape the direction of the chapter moving forward.

Lastly, Theta Chapter was proud to organize an alumni career panel this semester featuring four distinguished alumni from various industries. The panel provided an excellent opportunity to network, gain professional insights, and explore post-graduation pathways, all while strengthening bonds with our alumni network. The chapter greatly enjoyed interacting with alumni and looks forward to hosting similar events in the future.

In Hoc,
Dan Nguyen '26
Consul



Members enjoy a day of bowling.



Brothers representing Sigma Chi on a hike.

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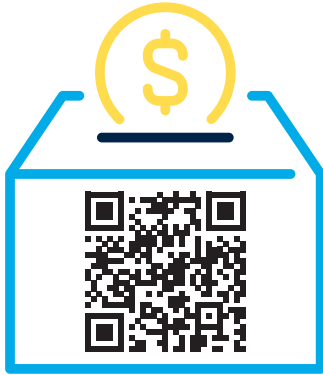
- **Increase Recruitment Numbers to 20**
- **Improve Chapter-Alumni Relations**
Including an annual alumni barbecue, a career panel featuring alumni in various fields, and a new alumni Big Brother program.
- **Surpass Previous Derby Days Fundraising Totals**

Set Theta Up for Success Donate to Our Annual Fund Today

It's an exciting time for Theta Chapter as Gettysburg College focuses on promoting fraternities and sororities on campus. Read more about this exciting development on page 1. As we look to the future, we are preparing to bolster scholarship and secure financial stability.

Alumni support will set us up for success!

To make a gift, visit gettysburgsx.causevox.com or scan the QR code. Your donation will help Theta Chapter in this next chapter of Greek life at Gettysburg.



*Thank you for your dedication
to our brotherhood!*



**WE'RE PUTTING OUT
THE WELCOME SIGN!**

Know Someone Who Should Be Here?

We're always looking for promising young men to bring into Theta Chapter and would appreciate recommendations of men you know who would be a good fit.

Send their info to
Sam Fee '27 at (717) 357-5179.



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THE
DATES**

**May 29 to June 1
Reunion Weekend**

Stop by the chapter house
for light food, drinks, and
fraternity as you reminisce
down memory lane.

*We look forward
to hosting brothers
of all years!*

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