

The BATTLEFIELD SIG

Fall 2025

THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Let the GOOD TIMES ROLL

THETA'S GETTYSBURG PROSPECTS KEEP GROWING

It's that time of year again! That long-awaited occasion where we can all sit down and take in the good word about the state of our House Corporation and our beloved chapter. The difficult part is always figuring out where to begin.

To start, we at the House Corporation hope you have all been well and greatly look forward to seeing you at the next alumni event! In the months since the last edition of *The Battlefield Sig*, the HC has been hard at work planning for just that. As a volunteer, nonprofit organization, our annual operating budget relies heavily on the generous donations of our brothers. To safeguard those contributions and manage them responsibly, the HC opened a new money market account with Vanguard. I am pleased to say that this account is now bearing interest! Though we are starting small, our goal is to lay the foundation for a self-sustaining financial future to benefit the next generations of Theta Sigs.

On that note, the future of fraternity/sorority life at Gettysburg College in general is shifting. On one hand, our active brothers face a shrinking student population and consequent decline in potential new members. On the other hand, Gettysburg College will be opening recruitment week to freshmen in their second semester for the first time in over 20 years. The impact is still unknown, but we at the HC are embracing this change with open arms. Gettysburg is now joining hundreds of colleges and universities nationwide in allowing its students to experience fraternal life for a full 3.5 years. The HC anticipates a positive effect on our active membership total and more opportunities for brothers to grow within the chapter during their collegiate years. Moreover, a portion of the freshman new members will be permitted to live at 240 Carlisle.



Theta is proud to welcome 10 new members into our brotherhood this fall!

The HC continues to maintain strong relationships with College administration and the Office of Student Affairs & Greek Life. I am pleased to report that those authorities are just as invested in the longevity of Theta as we all are. The new housing agreement over 240 Carlisle is still underway and is symbolic of the mutually beneficial relationship between our organizations. With finances, membership, and housing secure, all of us may rest assured that the fraternal flame of Sigma Chi still burns bright at Gettysburg College.

In Hoc,
Kevin M. Isky '21
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Sigma Chi
EXPECT MORE.

For **Bryan Barth '13**, joining Sigma Chi was a defining moment that set the tone for his college experience and career. His German TA, **Peter Bloom '10**, introduced Bryan to the chapter, and he quickly realized the community could be his home away from home. "After meeting some brothers, I knew right away that I wanted to become a part of it," he said.

The sense of connection and purpose he found in the chapter continues to influence him today. "Sigma Chi does a great job of bringing together people from vastly different backgrounds," Bryan said. "We've also had so many brothers go on to do truly great work in their fields." His time in the chapter taught him how powerful collaboration can be and how strong friendships can shape a lifetime.

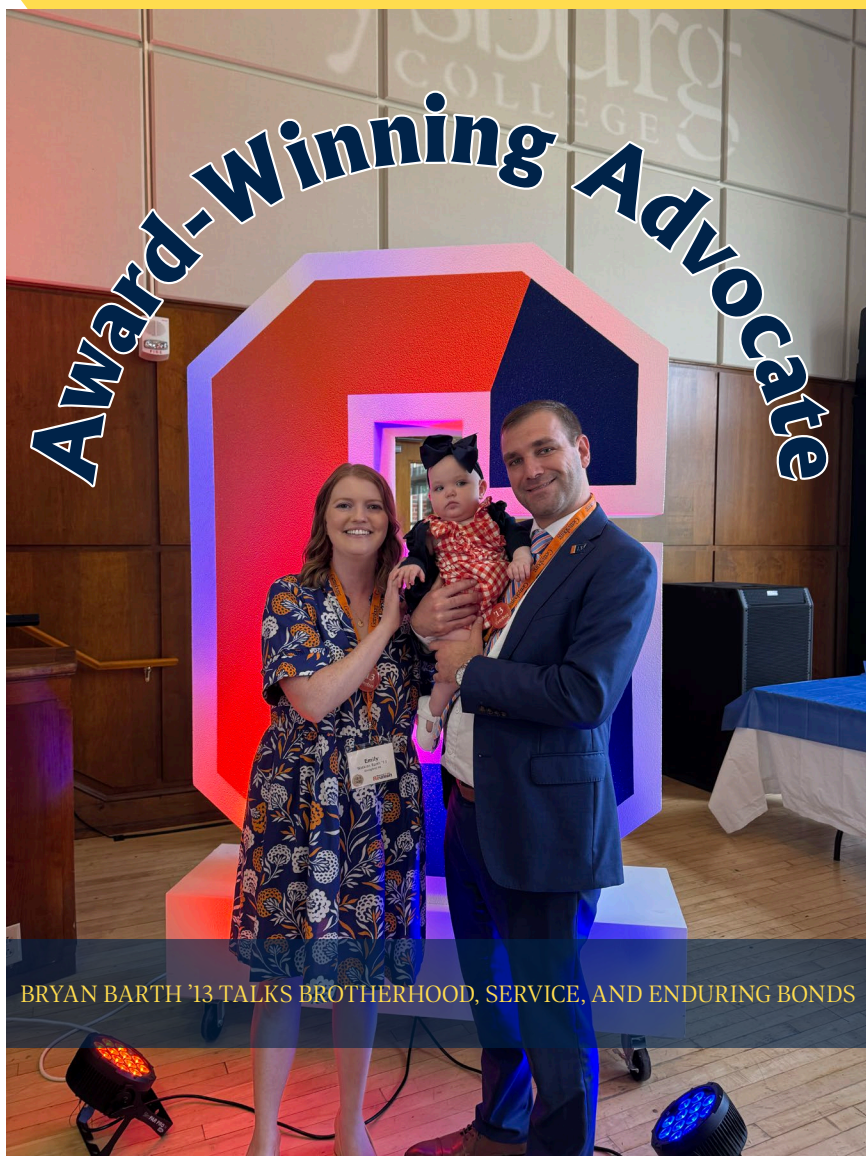
Favorite memories include SpringFest breakfasts, pig roasts, formals, and the simple daily moments with brothers in the house. But Bryan's experience extended beyond camaraderie. As magister, he developed leadership and mentoring skills that he continues to draw upon. "Sigma Chi taught me a great deal about being part of something greater than myself," he said. "There were a ton of occasions where I had to work outside of my comfort zone."

After earning a political science degree, Bryan pursued a law degree and began his legal career as a prosecutor in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Today, he works in the Special Victims Unit of the Delaware County DA's Office, handling cases involving child victims. "The cases can be extremely challenging but also extremely rewarding," Bryan explained. "Being a career prosecutor these days is quite rare, but it's something I truly think I can do."

In recognition of his impact, Bryan received the Young Alumni Career Achievement Award, an honor he found particularly meaningful. "Receiving this distinction was honestly one of the proudest moments of my life," he said. Prosecution can often be a thankless line of work, so the acknowledgement of his efforts was rewarding.

Even with the demands of his job and caring for his family, Bryan stays closely connected to his Sigma Chi brothers. A group chat with several of them has been active since graduation, and he still sees many of them regularly. "I'm lucky enough to live down the street from my best friend, **Edward Zaleski '13**!"

These days, Bryan lives with his wife, Emily, and their 10-month-old daughter. He enjoys traveling, Philadelphia sports, and wine-



BRYAN BARTH '13 TALKS BROTHERHOOD, SERVICE, AND ENDURING BONDS

tasting. "I'm a certified sommelier and love hosting tastings for groups of people!"

Bryan considers joining Sigma Chi to be one of the best decisions he's ever made. "I learned things in the fraternity that helped shape who I am today as a man, prosecutor,

and father. I wouldn't trade my Sigma Chi experience for anything in the world."

If you'd like to hear more about Bryan's work in public service or his Sigma Chi experience, send him an email at bartbro3@gmail.com.



- Deacon Buchanan '27
- Cooper Dickinson '28
- Hayden Fermier '28
- Preston Hale '28
- Ethan Keiner '28
- Griffin Koester '28
- John Shenasky '27
- Roland Stevens '28
- Connor Tiffin '28
- Hung Trinh '28



"Because of the environment and values that the brothers introduced me to. I saw such a welcoming college home."
-Hayden Fermier '28

"I wanted to join a well-respected organization with which I share a high set of standards."
-John Shenasky '27

"I can always be myself around the brothers of Sigma Chi."
-Hung Trinh '28



Brothers (and our Sigma Chi Sweetheart) kick off the semester with a bowling night. From strikes to laughs, it was the perfect way to bond and start the year strong.

NEW HONORS

Theta
Expands
Its Reach

This year, Theta has continued to build upon our strong tradition of leadership, scholarship, and service, making meaningful contributions to both our campus and the greater community.

Philanthropy remains at the heart of our chapter. Last semester, we successfully hosted Derby Days, which not only brought the fraternity and sorority community together but also resulted in more than \$25,000 raised for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. In addition to Derby Days, our brothers have participated in numerous philanthropy events across campus, strengthening our bonds with the community while advancing important causes.

Our chapter has also distinguished itself academically. Brother **Mikey Fellman '25** was one of only a select group of undergraduates worldwide invited to present research at the International Symposium on Olfaction and Taste in Reykjavik, Iceland, representing Gettysburg College and Sigma Chi on an international stage. His dedication to scholarship has also been recognized with two major awards: the Margaret E. Fisher Memorial Scholarship

Award, which honors male varsity athletes with outstanding academic records, and the Psi Chi Junior Scholarship Award, given to psychology majors who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and commitment to the discipline.

This fall, the chapter gained 10 fine young men. We believe that these men represent the best at Gettysburg College, and we look forward to sharing our fraternal bond with them. Their diversity in temperament, talents, and convictions will surely bring new luster to the white cross of Sigma Chi.

These accomplishments are emblematic of the values our chapter strives to uphold. Whether through philanthropic efforts, international research presentations, or everyday acts of brotherhood on campus, Theta continues to demonstrate the strength of our fraternity and the positive role it plays at Gettysburg College.



In Hoc,
Nick Pinto '26
Tribune



Our brothers aren't afraid of water!
Theta took home the gold in this year's Anchor Splash, hosted by Delta Gamma in September.



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Thank you for your dedication to our brotherhood!



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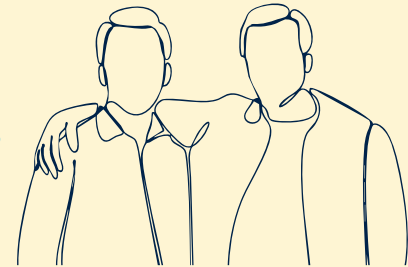
We Value Your Support

Reunion Weekend

Join us at the chapter house for another fun weekend of memories! More details to come.

**May 28-31
 2026**

The Kind of Man You'd Stand Beside



Think of the men you'd trust in your corner—the ones who...

- ✓ SHOW UP
- ✓ LEAD BY EXAMPLE
- ✓ MAKE OTHERS BETTER

That's the kind of man we're looking for to join Theta.

If you know a young man who fits that description, we want to meet him! Please send his info to **Kevin Isky '21** at iskyke01@comcast.net so we can get in touch and show him what our brotherhood is all about. Be sure to include his name, year in school, email, and why you think he'll be a good fit.