



The BATTLEFIELD SIG

Spring 2026

THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE



Brothers from the classes of 1964 and 1965 celebrate 60 years since their graduation in Annapolis, Maryland. From left: George Samaras '65, Rick Myers '65, Curt Cheyney '64, Tim Parsons '64, Howie Livingston '65, Nick Nichols '64, Dave Aker '65, and Don DeMaio '65.



Brothers took home four honors at Order of Omega Greek Awards! Read about them on page 3.

GREAT NEWS ALL AROUND

Chapter Growth and Recognition

Spring has brought remarkable news from Theta Chapter, and we are proud to share these accomplishments with our brotherhood.

On March 28 and 29, the undergraduates conducted initiation ceremonies, welcoming a pledge class of 23 into our brotherhood. Their induction raises the chapter's ranks to a healthy size. Of particular historical significance, this initiation marks the first time freshmen have been welcomed into Theta Chapter since the 1990s—a meaningful milestone that speaks to the chapter's return to growth. We are grateful to the alumni who returned to campus to assist with the ritual: **Samuel Sheldon '20**, **Richard Drake '20**, **Ray Truex '63**, Chapter Advisor **Richard Krisch**, **Pittsburg State '73**, Assistant Chapter Advisor **Joe Santacroce**, **South Florida '87**, **Nathan Neal**, **George Washington '83**, and myself.

The chapter's academic excellence has also earned well-deserved recognition. Theta was distinguished as holding the highest GPA on campus among all fraternal organizations—a testament to the brothers' dedication in and out of the classroom. Complementing this achievement, Sigma Chi awarded scholarships to two outstanding undergraduate brothers. We are also pleased to recognize House Corporation officers **Christopher Severini '18** and **Arthur High**

Garst IV '20, recipients of Graduate General Academic Scholarships. The chapter's recent performance was further celebrated at the College's Order of Omega Greek Awards in February. Read about those four awards on page 3!

None of this hard work has gone unnoticed. The House Corporation is diligently working to ensure the financial and operational freedom of the undergraduate chapter for the continued excellence of our brothers. More on that soon! Separately, the College and House Corp are still negotiating a renewed licensing agreement for the chapter house. We aim to secure greater use, enjoyment, and independence once the new agreement is entered.

It is a privilege to witness Theta Chapter thriving with such distinction. We extend our warmest congratulations to all the brothers involved and look forward to what lies ahead in the next installment of *The Battlefield Sig*.

In Hoc,
Kevin Isky '21
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Reunion Weekend will be held on May 28-31, 2026.
Information on the reception at the chapter house is forthcoming.

Staying Grounded in Brotherhood

RAJWAT SINGH '27 EARNS NATIONAL FRATERNITY SCHOLARSHIP

For international students, fraternities offer a unique sense of belonging for young men far away from home. Sigma Chi has given **Rajwat Singh '27** a true second family at Gettysburg, and he was recently awarded a national fraternity scholarship for his commitment to the brotherhood.



FINDING HIS PLACE

“Back in Nepal, the concept of Greek life was completely foreign to me,” Rajwat said. He quickly made friends through the welcoming support system Theta Chapter provided and was proud to embrace his newfound identity as a Sigma Chi brother. “The true reward of this brotherhood is knowing exactly who I am and where I belong.”

Rajwat’s membership inspires him to help the chapter succeed through service as house manager and Quaestor. House management gave him a better understanding of how to coordinate schedules and communicate with others, while his role as Quaestor is teaching him about financial accountability and leading with empathy.

“Beyond the fraternity, I am also an active leader in the broader campus community,” he added. Rajwat’s computer science studies led him to join ColorStack, an organization that supports underrepresented technology students. He is also doing research for a university project partnered with Deloitte to build an AI governance and fairness matrix for healthcare. “Balancing these with executive committee duties has pushed me to grow and allowed me to give back to the community.”

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

While Rajwat sometimes wondered if his work went unnoticed, he was humbled to receive a scholarship directly from International Headquarters. He felt truly honored for his efforts in serving Theta Chapter and is inspired to keep contributing to Sigma Chi success on campus.

“This recognition made me realize that my dedication to our core values of Friendship, Justice, and Learning is truly seen and appreciated. It gave me a renewed sense of energy to keep pushing our chapter forward and confirmed once again that I have truly found my home here at Gettysburg.”

“Sigma Chi has given me something much deeper than pride. It has given me an identity.”

CAREER AMBITIONS

Rajwat plans to become a software engineer after graduation to follow his passion of building code-based solutions to real-world problems. By pursuing a master’s degree in computer science, he will be able to further develop his industry expertise and prepare for complex engineering roles.

“Ultimately, I want to work in software development creating applications that have a direct and positive impact on communities.” Personal projects are giving Rajwat a better perspective of his career goals, and he is building a web app for a sports management hub in Nepal while also developing an iOS mobile fitness app. “Beyond just writing good code, I want to be an engineer who understands the ethical and social impact of technology.”

Beyond academics and extracurricular activity, Rajwat remains grounded in his family life that has opened new doors for his development. His parents made the tough emotional and financial decision to send him to the United States for higher education, and he doesn’t take growth opportunities for granted.

“While I miss my family constantly, the brotherhood I found in my chapter has given me a true home away from home. My personal life is a balance of honoring where I came from and building a future here, and my goal is to make both of my families proud.”

You can connect with Rajwat at rajwat2004@gmail.com.

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Ritual Chairman **Benjamin O'Connor Skloot '27**
Brotherhood Chairman **Preston Hale '28**
Scholarship Chairman **Edward Kim '27**

Chapter Goals

We’re focusing on growth, connection, and long-term impact.

1 Strengthen our relationship with alumni by creating more consistent ways for them to stay involved with the chapter and support its development.

2 Aim for the Peterson Gold Award, Sigma Chi’s highest recognition for chapter excellence, as a reflection of the standards we want to uphold in every area of chapter life.

3 Raise a record amount of money during Derby Days and set a new chapter standard for philanthropic success.



Updates from Undergraduate Thetas

Theta Chapter has had a year of steady progress.

At the Order of Omega Greek Awards, the chapter was recognized with the **Most Improved Chapter Award**, which reflects the work brothers have put into strengthening the chapter and building a stronger presence on campus.

We also made an impact through philanthropy and collaboration, receiving the **Outstanding Co-Sponsorship/Collaboration in Philanthropic Effort Award** for Pie-A-Chi, an event organized alongside Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Delta Pi, and Lambda Chi Alpha. Theta is always committed to working with other organizations in support of a shared cause!

The chapter was proud to see brothers recognized on an individual level:

- **Dan Nguyen '26** received the **Warren Ramsey "Buck" Jones Greek Man of the Year Award**, an honor that reflects his leadership and contribution to the fraternity/sorority community.
- **Richard Krisch, Pittsburg State '73** was named **Fraternity Advisor of the Year**, recognizing his major support of the chapter and the guidance he's provided.

In addition to our philanthropic collaborations, Theta partnered with FarmHouse to host band nights, which brought a different kind of social event to campus and gave students a new experience outside of more traditional gatherings. We were also stoked to host another successful Derby Days—a Sigma Chi signature—to raise money for Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

Theta's campus involvement has remained strong. Three brothers currently serve on the IFC Executive Board: **Preston Hale '28** as director of community engagement, **Hung Trinh '28** as marketing manager, and **Connor Tiffin '28** as scholarship chairman.

The year also concluded with one of Theta's strongest accomplishments during spring recruitment, achieving the most successful recruitment of any chapter by bringing in the highest number of new members.

In Hoc,
Cole Martin '27
Consul

Welcome, New Brothers!

Andy Beckerlegge	Victor Lopez
Kellen Booth	Christopher Mandart
Brad Bondi	Edwin Murillo
Simon Brown	Minh Nguyen
Ben Butterfield	Nam Nguyen
Ben Campet	Sam Nolan
Dominic Galante	Colter Ordway
Sam Harris	Jack Ryder
Kreeden Horst	Jonathan Stuart
Davis Hottle	Nadav Weisberg
Nicholas Laurino	Toby Winston
Nicolas Lobello	

Theta's spring pledge class.



Why Sigma Chi?

Hear from Our New Members

"I really appreciated how brothers took the time to get to know me. I also saw myself in them and admired their commitment to academics and campus involvement alongside their ability to balance having fun with working hard." —**Nicolas Lobello '29**

"I was already familiar with a good number of brothers, as a lot of them are swimmers as well. I could also tell they are very close and all support one another, which made it very appealing." —**Ben Campet '29**

"The lifelong friendships and brotherhood. Brothers were very welcoming and kind when I met them, which encouraged me to go through recruitment." —**Brad Bondi '29**

What's Inside This Issue?

Reunion Weekend information, chapter highlights (we received several recognitions at the Order of Omega Greek Awards!), a feature on national fraternity scholarship recipient **Rajwat Singh '27**, and so much more.

It's all waiting for you inside. What are you waiting for? Get started!



High Garst '20, Pat McKenna '20, and Noah Fatzinger '18 going for a stroll in Olympic National Park.



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