



# Oregon Alpha News

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## Oregon Alpha Receives Chapter Achievement Award at Leadership School



L-R: Chapter Advisor Will Later '12, Jack Imelio '21, Evan Kelchner '21, and Jack Powell '21, at the 83rd John O. Moseley Leadership School, held August 3-6, 2018, at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix, Arizona.

This year, Oregon Alpha was recognized with the Chapter Achievement Award, which is earned by chapters that excel in the core fundamental areas of chapter operations.

## Chapter Advisor's Report

As an undergraduate member of SAE, I was fortunate enough to attend two large scale events put on by the National Fraternity. The first was the 75th John O. Moseley Leadership School in Miami, and the second was the 2011 Convention in Memphis. My third event, the Alumni Advisor Training at the 83rd John O. Moseley Leadership School in Phoenix, was just as special as the previous two.

The program was facilitated by Jesus Maldonado, the Province Archon for Province Chi. The four other alumni in the group were Michael Demere, Tennessee Kappa; Bill Farr, Oklahoma Mu; Chase Johnson, Kentucky Epsilon; and John Antonio, Province Upsilon Archon.

The few days spent talking with these brothers about different issues that face our fraternity, and the Greek system as a whole, gave me some great perspective.

The most dynamic conversations we had centered around the changes in university landscapes, understanding why we are advisors, and some extra training on how to improve communications and conversations with the collegiate members of our chapters.

The most impactful session by far was the "Love, Mom and Dad" presentation. Three families, each of whom had lost a son due to hazing, shared their stories for about an hour and a half. Listening to the raw emotion and sadness behind their stories was, as one of the other advisors put it, "like someone just grabbed your heart and started to squeeze." None of the families' sons were SAEs, but they were willing to come to one of our largest events and share their stories.

After that presentation, we had our last breakout session with the other advisors. With a few tears around the table, we got to talking about how to prevent such incidents in the future. The ideas ranged from implementing changes in our national structure to holding the most honest conversations possible with our members, letting them know that any actions that fall outside

of the fraternity's core values and principles will be dealt with immediately and with zero tolerance.

Our attendance at events like these provides extra inspiration to work with our members and alumni at Oregon State and beyond. One of my goals after attending this great event is to join the faculty of the Western States Leadership School in Las Vegas.

— Will Later '12

## Eminent Archon Report



The Oregon Alpha Chapter of SAE has completed another monumental year, maintaining high scholastic standards and excelling in community service and leadership.

This year was also a time for adaptation to the changing culture around fraternities, as national headlines spotlighted issues associated with fraternities across the nation. Many colleges suspended Greek Life indefinitely at one point or another, due to hazing and drinking related deaths. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Supreme Council wanted to get ahead of these issues before they reached our organization, and imposed the first "social moratorium" or "social pause," with all social activities suspended for three months. During this time, they asked undergraduate brothers for advice on how we can hold safe social events and ensure that everyone follows risk management policies. The Supreme Council consulted health and safety experts, and came up with a set of guidelines post-moratorium to further enhance our safe social practices: dry periods for the first week of school and the days leading up to and including finals week; limitation of beverages served at social events to 14% ABV or less; and promotion of each chapter's health and safety officer to the executive board. The social pause gave the brothers of Oregon Alpha a chance to take a step back and reflect on what it means to be fraternity men, and why we originally joined.

We started out the year with three goals: to win a philanthropy event hosted by another organization on campus, to increase our number of hours devoted to community service, and to be nominated for the John O. Moseley Fraternity Zeal Award, which is awarded to the best SAE chapter in the nation.

In the spring, we met our first goal by winning not one, but two philanthropies. In Kappa Kappa Gamma's annual "Kappa's in the Key 3 on 3" basketball tournament, two of our teams played each other in the final game, securing us an overall victory. Our own Tug-of-War philanthropy, now in its third year and including a new raffle, raised nearly \$10,000 for Samaritan Health's Mario Pastega House. Ken Pastega was in attendance, and shared some kind words about how our fraternity has benefited families who have stayed at the house and helped fund improvements to the house.

We achieved our second goal as brothers stepped up to the challenge and completed more than 2,000 hours of community

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### ALUMNI OFFICERS

House Corporation President — Scott Spiegelberg '75  
 House Corporation Sec./Treasurer — Dick Thompson '73  
 Alumni President — Dick Thompson '73  
 Chapter Advisor — Will Later '12  
 Financial Advisor — John Thompson '76  
 House Corporation Advisor — Chris Langton '73  
 Alumni Advisor — Greg Beamer '07  
 Alumni Advisor — Justin Strohmeyer '07  
 Resident Advisor — D.L. "Stro" Strohmeyer '78

### SAE Mission Statement

The mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, and service for our members based upon the ideals set forth by our founders and as specifically enunciated in our creed, "The True Gentleman."

### The True Gentleman

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

— John Walter Wayland

### William L. Thomas Scholarship Recipients

**Daniel Eckhardt '18**  
**Andrew Marshall '20**  
**Jackson Schleicher '19**  
**Braden Vogt '18**  
**Janak Ward '18**

Each received a \$1,000 scholarship. The funds for these scholarships are provided from an endowment that was established by Bill Thomas '43 in 1992 with the OSU Foundation. It is a pleasure to be able to recognize and reward the accomplishments of outstanding brothers of Oregon Alpha.

## Dining on Duck



**Left:** Brooke Knight '94 with Scott Spiegelberg '75. **Right:** The entire chapter, the night of the Dining on Duck dinner.

One of Oregon Alpha's great traditions is the annual Dining on Duck dinner the Monday night before the Civil War football game in November. This past November 20, a packed Oregon Alpha dining room enjoyed a special presentation by Brooke Knight '94. Brooke played football and baseball for the Beavers and shared his thoughts with the current members about the Civil War, life, and fraternity. Brooke is currently head coach of the Corvallis Knights baseball team. The Collegiate Wood Bat Summer League plays its games at Goss Stadium. The most successful head coach in West Coast League history, Brooke has skippered the Knights to five WCL championships in his 10-year tenure at the helm. He captured his first title as a rookie head coach in 2008, and added subsequent crowns in 2011, 2013, 2016 and 2017. Brooke shared many great stories of his time as a member of Oregon Alpha.

### Homecoming & Dad's Weekends: Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, October 20: Homecoming (OSU vs. California)  
 Friday-Sunday, November 2-4: Dad's Weekend (OSU vs. USC)

## 2018 Oregon Alpha Officers

### Eminent Archon

Will Strickland '19 ..... West Linn, OR

### Eminent Deputy Archon

Dylan Norris '20 ..... Salem, OR

### Eminent Treasurer

Andrew Marshall '20 ..... Portland, OR

### Eminent Recorder

Evan Baughman '21 ..... Bend, OR

### Eminent Warden

Jason Morrell '20 ..... Hollister, CA

### Eminent Correspondent

Ethan Elliot '21 ..... Lake Oswego, OR

### Eminent Chaplain

Austin Greenlee '19 ..... Oceanside, CA

### Eminent Herald

Andrew Arreola '21 ..... Salem, OR

### Eminent Chronicler

Michael Everton '21 ..... Tigard, OR

### House Manager

Wyatt Stutzman '20 ..... Wasco, OR

### Member Educators

Riley Ward '20 ..... Bend, OR

Jack Loberg '20 ..... Bend, OR

### Social Chairmen

Clark Tymchuk '20 ..... Beaverton, OR

Michael Galluzzo '20 ..... Tigard, OR

### Scholarship Chairmen

Bannon Crowley '20 ..... Piedmont, CA

Ryan Schaffer '20 ..... Tigard, OR

### Community Service Chairman

Andrew Arreola '20 ..... Salem, OR

### Philanthropy Chairmen

Landen Alexander '20 ..... Hollister, CA

Cameron Broberg '20 ..... Tualatin, OR

### Kitchen Steward

Will Johnson '19 ..... Bend, OR

### IM Chairman

Andy Jones '21 ..... Bend, OR

### Brotherhood Chairman

Chad Casebeer '18 ..... Salem, OR

### IT Chairman

Tienhung Vu '20 ..... Beaverton, OR

### Risk Manager

Jack Imelio '21 ..... Sacramento, CA

### IFC Representative

Kannah Cruikshank '21 ..... Orinda, CA

### Recruitment Chairmen

Ben Rahier '20 ..... Tualatin, OR

Patrick Leenderstse '20 ..... Beaverton, OR

### Brotherhood Chairman

Cody Lain '19 ..... Bend, OR

### Live-out Chairman

Riley Ward '20 ..... Bend, OR

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service. Some of our major events included a park cleanup at Chintimini Park and the Adopt-a-Highway program we participate in every term on Hwy. 99 south of town. A few individuals went above and beyond, including Braden Vogt '18, who volunteers as a youth mentor for kids at the College Hill High School, and Jakob Eisenbeiss '21, who is a volunteer firefighter in Corvallis.

After a successful visit with our Coordinator of Chapter Development, Travis Tafoya, we were nominated for both the Chapter Achievement Award and the Zeal Award. Travis was impressed with all we had accomplished in brotherhood, leadership, and campus involvement.

We continued to lead academically, earning an overall GPA of 3.08 in the fall, 3.04 in the winter, and 3.12 in the spring, topping the all-men's average GPAs for those terms. Winter term, our first-year members finished with a 3.15, the highest first-year members' GPA of all Greek organizations on campus.

This year has had its challenges, with another young executive team consisting of mostly underclassmen, but as in years prior, they exceeded expectations and continued the tradition of developing True Gentlemen while promoting the highest standards. We anticipate another strong fall recruitment, and will continue to improve our organization and encourage our members to be the best they can be.

— Will Strickland '19

## Welcome, New Initiates!

### Initiated October 1, 2017

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Andrew Arreola	2021	Salem, OR
Cole Austin	2019	Tualatin, OR
Evan Baughman	2021	Bend, OR
Andrew Blank	2021	Tualatin, OR
Nick Brotton	2021	Salem, OR
Braden Ceserani	2021	Tualatin, OR
Jack Chabreck	2021	Tigard, OR
Brett Cody	2021	Bend, OR
Kannah Cruicksank	2021	Orinda, CA
Caleb Daniel	2021	Portland, OR
Treyton Davila	2021	Tigard, OR
Jakob Eisenbeiss	2020	Sherwood, OR
Ethan Elliot	2021	Lake Oswego, OR
Michael Everton	2021	Tigard, OR
Jake Focht	2021	Portland, OR
Ben Gans	2021	West Linn, OR
Ben Gonzalez	2021	San Diego, CA
Bennett Greenbaum	2021	Portland, OR
Chase Gritten	2021	West Linn, OR
Corbyn Herrold	2021	Bend, OR
Braden Hulse	2021	Tigard, OR
Jack Imelio	2021	Fair Oaks, CA
Andy Jones	2021	Bend, OR
Evan Kelchner	2020	Salem, OR
Alex Matot	2021	Salem, OR
Landon Merzenich	2021	Salem, OR
Jack Powell	2021	Redding, CA

## Oregon Alpha Annual Awards Banquet, May 21, 2018



The 2017-18 Oregon Alpha Annual Award Winners are, L-R: Braden Vogt '18, T. Burke Hayes All-House Scholarship Award; Jakob Eisenbeiss '20, Ronald L. Thiesen Community Service Award; Chad Casebeer '18, A. Darrell Carlson True Gentleman Award; Joey Fishback '19, Arthur "Skip" Bedell Memorial IM Award; Daniel Eckhardt '18, Benj. F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award; and Andrew Jones '21, Robert R. Blair Freshman of the Year Award

Jake Reese	2021	Salem, OR
Nicholas Reilly	2021	Portland, OR
Ryan Schmid	2021	West Linn, OR
Wyatt Thompson	2021	Portland, OR
Jessie Thrasher	2021	Salem, OR
Tienhung Vu	2020	Beaverton, OR
Riley Ward	2020	Bend, OR
Joe West	2021	Lake Oswego, OR

### Initiated May 21, 2018

Joey Imelio	2021	Fair Oaks, CA
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## Alumni Association Wins Two Awards

For the second year in a row, the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association was the winner of SAE's Stuart Zook Outstanding Advisory Board. This award recognizes the chapter advisory board that has provided outstanding assistance and guidance to a chapter. The following alumni volunteer their time to make sure that the fraternal experience at Oregon Alpha is among the best in the realm each year:

- Scott Spiegelberg '75 (HC President)
- Dick Thompson '73 (AA President, HC Treasurer)
- Will Later '12 (Chapter Advisor)
- Greg Beamer '07 (Board Member, Recruitment Advisor)
- Justin Strohmeyer '07 (Board Member)
- Chris Langton '73 (Board Member, Advisor for Chapter Maintenance)
- John Thompson '76 (Financial Advisor, IRS 990 Filings)
- Jaime Burnap '05 (Oregon Alpha AA Website Maintenance)
- Stro Strohmeyer '75 (House Dad, Landscaper, Advisor)

In the category of Outstanding Alumni Association & House Corporation Communications, Oregon Alpha AA was winner for "Printed Newsletter."

## Order of the Lion

Chapter Advisor Will Later '12 was awarded SAE's Order of the Lion Award at the Annual Awards Banquet. The Order of the Lion recognizes outstanding commitment and loyalty to the Fraternity by an alumnus.

## Order of the Phoenix

Brother Will Later '12 had the honor of awarding three Order of the Phoenix Awards at the Annual Awards Banquet. The Order of the Phoenix is the highest level of recognition that an undergraduate member can receive. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding commitment and loyalty to the Fraternity by undergraduate members.

This year's recipients of the Order of the Phoenix were: Janak Ward '18, Ryan Cleveland '18, and Daniel Eckhardt '18.

## Outstanding OSU Staff/Faculty Award



L-R: "JP" Peters, OSU Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life; Scott Spiegelberg '75; E.A. Will Strickland '19; and Will Later '12.

Oregon Alpha's House Corporation President Scott Spiegelberg '75 was awarded the "Outstanding OSU Staff/Faculty Award" for his dedicated support of the OSU Greek System by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

## Alumni Highlights and Chatter

Oregon State University honored the 1967 Giant Killers Football Team at a 50th Reunion Dinner in the Toyota Club at Reser Stadium on October 13, 2017. Ten SAE's on the 1967 roster included DUANE BARTON, JIM BLACKFORD, ROGER CANTLON, JESS LEWIS, LARRY RICH, JIM SCHEELE, CLYDE SMITH, CHRIS WAHLE, DON WELCH, and DON WHITNEY.

MICHAEL SOPHIR, Chief Executive Officer and Eminent Supreme Recorder of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, sends "Congratulations on the alumni awards, and thank you for sharing the newsletter — it's terrific!"

The Portland Alumni Association held its annual golf scramble July 14th at Rose City Golf Course. Once again, Oregon Alpha produced the winning foursome. Congratulations to ROB RUDOLPH '11, WILL LATER '12, JON WATTERS '11, and JOSH PROCKISH '12.

Chapter Eternal includes LEONARD GREGER '45, HARVEY WATT '50, ALAN OLSON '54, MIKE BOGDAN '57, WAYNE SCHRUNK '57, RON OLSON '60, JIM BELL '75, TINKER MELONUK '75, and BRIAN GRIFFITHS '92.

HAL ENGELEN '55 continues to get a few rounds of golf in with classmates NORB LEUPOLD '55, RUSS SHEFFER '55, and NORM BROWN '55.

BRUCE ROBERTS '57 sends "I am convinced that well-run fraternities are the best training grounds for democracy. And thank-you to the advisory board for the incredibly important role you play in the lives of us all — past, present, and future Oregon Alpha SAEs."

BOB FOSTER '61 wrote "To illustrate how SAE made many of us longtime friends, last weekend my wife and I flew from Los Angeles to Sun Valley, Idaho, to visit two of my pledge brothers, VERN RIFER and JON MASTERSON. All of us met in the fall as freshmen in 1957. All three of us graduated OSU in 1962, although we were in the class of 1961. We regularly keep in touch with ROB CHRISTENSEN, DICK ROY, PAUL BENNINGHOFF, and DAVE PAUL, all in the class of 1957."

VERN RIFER '61 sends "This spring I finally decided to retire from real estate development and teaching at Portland State. I taught 11 years in the PSU master's degree real estate program. Most of my real estate developments over thirty plus years were mixed-use and mixed-income urban projects in the Portland area. They typically involved condominiums, apartments, retail and office. Linda and I live in a condo we developed in Portland's Lair Hill neighborhood above the South Waterfront. We are taking advantage of our first free time for two trips to Europe this year. We also just had a very pleasant visit with BOB and Joyce FOSTER and JON and Margie MASTERSON at the Masterson's Sun Valley home."

RON EMMERSON '66 shared information about an alumni gathering that took place a year ago on August 6th at the Racquet Club in Beaverton. The following brothers enjoyed five hours catching up and reminiscing: BILL BEELER '66, ANDY CLEVELAND '65, STEVE CROW '69, JOE DEJAGER '65, WALT EBELL '69, RON EMMERSON '66, CRAIG FLETCHER '67, JIM FLYNN '68, JACK GALLAGHER '67, DON GALLAGHER '68, JOHN HERGENRATHER '67, RICH HERGENRATHER '71, BILL HOPPER '69, RON IWASAKI '67, GREG MACY '65, JERRY MASON '65, JOE MAYLIE '63, JIMMY POWELL '69, RAY SHAW '66, and TOM VANDERZANDEN '67.

STEVE WOODS '68 joined Chapter Eternal on March 23, 2018. Steve grew up in Lebanon, Oregon, where he began his storied wrestling career as an underweight 98 pounder at Lebanon HS. He wrestled for legendary OSU Coach Dale Thomas, whose style and mentoring would have a profound effect on Steve. In 2012, he authored his book *Sorta Tough* about Coach Thomas and the OSU wrestling program. Steve won the

PAC-8 Conference Wrestling Championship at 137 pounds in 1968. He was inducted into the Oregon Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2013. Steve also served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam era. He and his wife Betty lived in Estacada for more than 40 years. [excerpt from Steve's obituary]

DON WILLIAMS '70 has written an extensive blog about the 1967 Giant Killers Football Team. Scroll down to May 20, 2018, at thebeerchaser.com. "I continue to work on the Benedictine Brewery which starts brewing at Mount Angel this summer and will have a Taproom opening in September. Just started a three-year term on the Mount Angel Abbey Foundation Board. The SAE class of '68 is having a reunion at the Oregon Gardens in November."

DOUG HARDESTY '71 writes "I went to Sturgis last year with CRAIG HANNEMAN '71. KENT HOWARD '71 met us in Billings, MT, and rode over with us for a few days. It was a great trip!"

RICK TORTORELLO '73 used PayPal for his annual alumni donation, sharing "Donated so that others can have the same kind of friendships I have had over the years. Phi Alpha."

GREG STROBEL '74 was interviewed by the *Barometer* this past February. "Wow . . . favorite memory. This is a tough one. I have a lot of great memories at Oregon State. I loved the social life with the SAEs and really liked being on the wrestling team. We placed 2nd in the NCAAs in the National Tournament at the University of Washington in 1973. I was named the Outstanding Wrestler in that tournament. We had four OSU guys in the finals. That might be my favorite memory."

RICK WILLIAMS '74 sends "I have completed 14+ years at SAIC/Leidos and have transitioned to my own company, Oregon Applied Research, LLC, and doctoral studies in Energy Policy at Portland State University.

SCOTT BRENTON '93 is a division manager for Pacific Office Automation in Beaverton. His company offers career opportunities and summer internships.

MICHAEL ECKHARDT '94 is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Portland, OR.

CHAD LAYMAN '95 is Chief Executive Officer, Marquam Group in Portland. Recently, Microsoft announced that Marquam has been named a finalist as a 2018 Internet of Things Partner of the Year. The company was honored among a global field of top Microsoft partners for demonstrating excellence in innovation and implementation of customer solutions based on Microsoft technology.

BRYAN NORRIS '95 is owner of B2 Taphouse and Brewery, which opened in a new location in South Salem on Sunday, June 3, 2018. The new facility features a taproom, brewery, and kitchen.

ADAM FLINT '97 is a branch manager (Parkrose) with Pacific Landscape Management.

CORY LOOMIS '05 is a project manager for LGC Pence Construction and makes his home in Bend. This summer, Cory is spending the weekdays in Corvallis managing the \$10.5 million building renovation project to upgrade Finley Residence Hall on campus. All of the rooms in the seven story dormitory are being completely remodeled.

BRIAN ERRICO '11 writes "Life is good. I took a job this past fall at Nordstrom's, headquartered in downtown Seattle. I am a member of the merchandising buying group, specifically for Men's Suits, Ties, and Dress Shirts." In June, Brian and his wife Jill welcomed Adam Wade Errico, a future Oregon Alpha alum!

ROSS STUDWELL '12 is a Captain and MV-22B Aircraft Commander with the United States Marine Corps in the Greater San Diego area.

KENNEY WHITBEY '18 and NICK HINES '18 took a "post graduation trip in Southeast Asia. The amazing trip started in Tokyo. From there we went south to Bangkok and Phuket in Thailand, and then to Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Singapore."