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Oregon Alpha Recognized as an Outstanding SAE Chapter

The following awards were presented to Oregon Alpha at the 2016 John O. Moseley Leadership School, held this year in the first week of August aboard Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas out of Miami, Florida:

- **John O. Moseley Nominee for Fraternity Zeal (one of only six chapters nominated for SAE's highest honor)**
- **Chapter Achievement Award for Operational Excellence**
- **Bradley M. Cohen Eminent Archon of the Year Scholarship Award: Jake Hales '16**
- **Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award: Ron Thiesen '61**
- **Outstanding Alumni Association Communications Award for Printed Newsletter**
- **Runner-up, Outstanding Alumni Association Communications Award for Web site**
- **Runner-up, Outstanding House Corporation Award**
- **Runner-up, Outstanding Chapter Alumni Association Award**

Right: Oregon Alpha was well represented at the August 2016 John O. Moseley Leadership School. Attending were, L-R: Jake Rider '19, Ryan Cleveland '18, Braden Vogt '18, and Jimmy Spiegelberg '18



EA Report: Harnessing Our Momentum



An important part of growing up is taking on new responsibilities, often when you least expect to. This year, Oregon Alpha elected one of the youngest leadership councils in its history, with 14 of the 16 executive positions being held by underclassmen. Running a successful fraternity of more than 100 men isn't an easy task, but as young ambitious leaders, we were up for the challenge. We began by identifying areas where we could improve. We made it our mission to grow in philanthropy, service, academics, and a commitment to future success.

In the fall, Oregon Alpha initiated 37 brothers. Our new members made significant strides through the year. They have proven their commitment to academics, ranking second among all IFC chapters at Oregon State for highest GPA during winter term. After a two-year hiatus, our new members participated in IFC Sing. Two freshmen, Jake Rider '19 and Will Strickland '19, attended SAE's Western States Leadership School to improve their leadership skills and gain valuable knowledge they could bring back to the chapter. We are very pleased with the performance of our new members, but recruitment never ends. Our current recruitment chairmen, Chad Casebeer and Braden Vogt, are well on their way to bringing in another strong class this fall.

In late January, the Oregon Alpha Chapter hosted it's first Tug-of-War philanthropy benefiting the Mario Pastega House,

a "comfortable home away from home" for families traveling to Good Samaritan Hospital for special medical treatment. Thirteen Greek chapters were involved in the event, and our combined efforts raised more than \$11,000 for the Pastega House in its first year.

To further emphasize our commitment, the chapter voted to amend its by-laws to require each member to complete 10 hours of community service each term. This exceeds national standards, and reflects our commitment to living The True Gentlemen.

Members of Oregon Alpha take pride in their academics, and understand the importance of earning a degree. We voted to amend our by-laws to require a minimum 2.7 GPA (previously 2.5) for a member to maintain good standing in the chapter. As a result, Oregon Alpha earned one of its highest grade point averages in recent history with a 3.11 for winter term. This outranked the all-university male average of 2.90 and placed Oregon Alpha second amongst fraternities with over 60 members.

This year, the brothers at Oregon Alpha have committed to becoming leaders both on campus and within Sigma Alpha Epsilon nationally. We hosted the Province Lambda Leadership School, which was attended by nearly 200 brothers from throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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ALUMNI OFFICERS

- House Corporation President — Scott Spiegelberg '75
- House Corporation Sec./Treasurer — Dick Thompson '73
- Alumni President — Dick Thompson '73
- Co-Chapter Advisor — Ron Thiesen '61
- Co-Chapter Advisor — Will Later '12
- Financial Advisor — John Thompson '76
- House Corporation Advisor — Chris Langton '73
- Alumni Advisor — Bill Brennan '62
- Alumni Advisor — Justin Strohmeier '07
- Resident Advisor — D.L. "Stro" Strohmeier '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

- Ryne Maddox Deyoe '18**
- Joseph Scott Spiegelberg '16**
- Braden Randall Vogt '18**
- Kenneth Allen Whitbey '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.

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Dining on Duck



Bill Brennan '62, Jeff Hart '75, Dick Thompson '73, and Scott Spiegelberg '75 at Oregon Alpha's 16th annual Dining on Duck dinner.

On Monday night, November 23, 2015, Oregon Alpha hosted its 16th annual Dining on Duck dinner at the chapter house prior to Civil War weekend. The evening drew nearly 100 members to relive great stories about Civil Wars past and life at Oregon Alpha in a different era. The highlight of the evening was the keynote speech delivered by Jeff Hart '75. Jeff was a standout football player at South Salem HS, pledged SAE in the fall of 1971, and was a three-year starter at tackle for Coach Dee Andros' Beavers. Jeff married Geneva Wood (ΚΚΓ) in 1975, and played 11 years in professional football, mostly with the Baltimore Colts. Jeff served as Oregon statewide Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for seven years. For the past 25 years, Jeff has served the State of Oregon as a director with Search Ministries. Jeff and his wife, Geneva, live in Canby, OR.

Thank you to Scott Spiegelberg '75 for building a great Oregon Alpha November tradition.

Homecoming & Dad's Weekends: Mark Your Calendar!

- Saturday, October 29: Homecoming (OSU vs. Washington State)
- Friday-Sunday, November 18-20: Dad's Weekend (OSU vs. University of Arizona)

2016 Oregon Alpha Officers

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| Eminent Archon
Blake Reser '18 Tigard, OR | Community Service Chairman
Nick Hines '18..... Tualatin, OR |
| Eminent Deputy Archon
JJ Keim '17 Corvallis, OR | Scholarship Chairmen
Kenny Whitbey '18..... West Linn, OR
Daniel Eckhardt '18 Gresham, OR |
| Eminent Treasurer
Ryan Cleveland '18 Tigard, OR | Philanthropy Chairmen
Jimmy Spiegelberg '18 Corvallis, OR
Ben Peters '18 Bend, OR |
| Eminent Recorder
Conner Brands '19.....Beaverton, OR | House Manager
Eric McNiel '17 Wilsonville, OR |
| Eminent Warden
Nick Jacobs '18 Tigard, OR | Kitchen Steward
Christopher Uniack '17 Woodbridge, CA |
| Eminent Correspondent
Cody Schumacher '19 Bend, OR | IM Chairman
Max Higlin '19 Bend, OR |
| Eminent Chaplain
Kyle Schrandt '19 West Linn, OR | Brotherhood Chairmen
Janak Ward '18 Tigard, OR
Jackson Schleicher '19 Tualatin, OR |
| Eminent Herald
Ments Haugen '19 Bend, OR | IT Chairman
Daniel Eckhardt '18 Gresham, OR |
| Eminent Chronicler
Ian Anderson '18..... West Linn, OR | Risk Manager
Janak Ward '18 Tigard, OR |
| Member Educators
Joey Fishback '18.... Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Sam Hart-Thompson '18 Beaverton, OR | IFC Representative
Jake Rider '19..... Moraga, CA |
| Social Chairmen
Cam Yarnell '18 Tigard, OR
Ryan Lonsway '18 West Linn, OR | Recruitment Chairmen
Chad Casebeer '18..... Salem, OR
Braden Vogt '18 Wilsonville, OR |

Oregon Alpha Annual Awards Banquet, May 16, 2016



Nick Hines '18, Ronald L. Thiesen Community Service Award; Zach Lucarelli '16, A. Darrell Carlson True Gentleman Award; Jake Hales '16, Benj. F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award; Joey Spiegelberg '16, Arthur "Skip" Bedell Memorial IM Award; Jake Rider '19, Robert R. Blair Freshman of the Year; and Tim Meier '16, T. Burke Hayes All-House Scholarship Award.

Order of the Phoenix

Order of the Lion

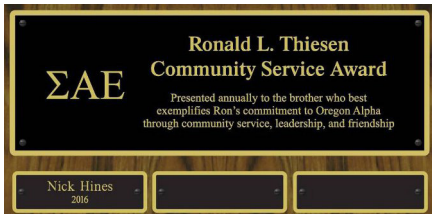


Zach Lucarelli '16 and Jake Hales '16 were awarded SAE's Order of the Phoenix for their outstanding commitment and service to the chapter.



Scott Spiegelberg '75 presented House Dad "Stro" Strohmeier with SAE's Order of the Lion in recognition and appreciation for his 10 years of service as the chapter's resident advisor.

Oregon Alpha Establishes the Ronald L. Thiesen Community Service Award



Ron Thiesen '61, Thiesen Community Service Award recipient Nick Hines '18, and OSU's Leslie Schacht Drey.

It has been nearly 30 years since the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association created an annual award dedicated to an alumnus who, through leadership, dedication, and fraternity zeal, has made a difference in the lives of so many Oregon Alpha members.

At the May 16th Annual Awards Banquet, Oregon Alpha Alumni Association President Dick Thompson started his presentation with "There is only one brother in this room tonight who has served our fraternity as a member of the Supreme Council." Obviously, Dick was talking about Brother Ron Thiesen '61. Ron has served Oregon Alpha for 30 years as a member of the House Corporation and Alumni Association boards. He has also served the national fraternity as a Province Archon, Director of Educational Programs, and member of the Supreme Council. Most recently,

Ron turned over the responsibility of Chapter Advisor to Will Later '12. As chapter advisor, Ron helped to keep the chapter focused on community service, the Greek community, philanthropy, scholarship, and leadership. Ron has been and continues to be a critical part of the consistent success of Oregon Alpha.

In recognition of Ron's commitment and dedication to the chapter, the first Ronald L. Thiesen Community Service Award was presented to Nick Hines '18. Helping present the first Thiesen Community Service Award was Leslie Schacht Drey, Director of OSU Fraternity and Sorority Life. The award will be presented annually to the brother who best exemplifies Ron's commitment to Oregon Alpha through community service, leadership, and friendship. Congratulations and thank you, Brother Thiesen.

— EA Report, concluded

Brother Jake Hales spent months working with our regional director to ensure that this would be a fun, innovative, and educational event for all of those in attendance. We brought in guest speakers, including national spokesman Brandon Weghorst, and had general sessions on such topics as the state of the fraternity, masculinity, and PR nightmares, as well as breakout sessions to discuss philanthropy, diversity, and The True Gentlemen Experience.

We participated as well in other national leadership conferences. In January, I represented Oregon Alpha at the Eminent Archon Institute to gain valuable knowledge pertaining to the betterment of our chapter. This year, we sent Braden Vogt '18, Jimmy Spiegelberg '18, Ryan Cleveland '18, and Jake Rider '19 to the John O. Moseley Leadership School, to learn from and share with other chapters from across the nation. The experiences and skills that our members have gained from these events have correlated to tangible improvements here at Oregon Alpha.

Demonstrating our commitment to the long-term betterment of Oregon Alpha, we have drafted a vision statement that aligns with national's vision, but is tailored specifically for our chapter.

Oregon Alpha Vision:

To prepare every brother to become a respectful, loyal, and accountable individual guided by The True Gentleman.

Oregon Alpha Mission:

To attract and strengthen members committed to brotherhood, academics, service, and personal development.

The vision is set to launch this fall, and will begin a three-stage process of modeling, marketing, and mentoring. Chapter leaders will be called upon to model appropriate behavior for members and to correct inappropriate behavior. The marketing campaign will reinforce the vision statement to attract prospective new members of the highest caliber. We believe this vision will serve as a guiding compass for the chapter, help establish consistency among successive executive boards, and empower us to collectively work towards a brighter future.

Much work is still to be done, as we must never become complacent with our progress. The brothers of Oregon Alpha are proud of what we have accomplished over the past year, and we look forward to the continued growth of Oregon Alpha.

Phi Alpha,

— Blake Reser '18,
Eminent Archon

Jake Hales Attends Levere Leadership Institute

The Levere Leadership Institute is a newly created program within Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The program selects 25 attendees (from our 15,000+ undergrads) to attend a three-day event at the Levere Memorial Temple and our national fraternity headquarters in Evanston, IL. The Levere Leadership Institute provides guidance for our next generation of fraternity leaders as they approach graduation. Attendees are able to engage members of the Supreme Council, as well as guest speakers, in conversations about fraternity involvement and life after graduation.



I am honored to have been selected to participate in this flagship program this past April 15-17. The "life after graduation" portion included smaller breakout sessions for more personal conversations about finances, family, leadership, job searching, careers, and more. The "fraternity involvement after graduation" portion gave us tools, training, and experiences that will enable us to become engaged, active, and beneficial alumni. Alumni participation is a weak link across our realm, and is a target goal in our Supreme Council's newly created strategic plan. However, I am honored to say, at Oregon Alpha, it is far from a weak link, but rather a link that holds a lot of us together!

The most important take-away from the Levere Leadership Institute was the relationships that were created through the event. As a group, we stayed in the Levere Memorial Temple, attended a Cubs game at Wrigley Field, and spent countless hours sharing our stories from our own chapters across the realm. I am still in contact with the other attendees, Supreme Council members, and guest speakers from the event, and I believe it gave me networking connections that will last a lifetime. Staying at the Levere Memorial Temple also gave me the opportunity to fully tour our beloved temple and even step inside the archives of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, including Oregon Alpha's. Holding our great fraternity's history in my hands was one of the most rewarding and powerful moments I have experienced as an undergrad and leader in Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

My involvement with Sigma Alpha Epsilon has given me numerous unique experiences that will benefit me and that I will cherish forever. The Levere Leadership Institute ranks high on this list. This is the first national program that provides postgraduation life training in addition to keys for success at the undergrad chapter level.

All the events I have attended have benefited our chapter, our alumni, and most importantly myself. SAE, especially Oregon Alpha, has given me more than I ever dreamed of as a newly pledged freshman, and now I shall strive to give back to a fraternity that I will forever cherish, to the undergrads I will forever envy, and to a beautiful building that I will forever call home.

Phi Alpha,

— Jake Hales '16

Congratulations to Jake Hales, who was named the Bradley M. Cohen Eminent Archon of the Year at the 2016 John O. Moseley Leadership School. The award winner "demonstrates service to the chapter and SAE above and beyond the call of duty, making measurable improvements in the welfare, culture, and spirit of the chapter." Jake will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from an endowment created by Brother Cohen (Arizona '85).

Welcome, New Initiates!



Initiated October 4, 2015

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Cole Austin	2018	Tualatin, OR
Jackson Berger	2019	Portland, OR
Grant Bettendorf	2019	Beaverton, OR
Anthony Bottaro	2018	Beaverton, OR
Conner Brands	2019	Beaverton, OR
Eric Breyer	2019	Tualatin, OR
Ryan Colter	2019	Forest Grove, OR
Brian Davis	2019	Tigard, OR
Cooper Dom	2019	Salem, OR
Mike Dougherty	2019	Springfield, OR
Austin Folkman	2019	Baker City, OR
Nate Gruen	2018	Lake Oswego, OR
Bailey Haguewood	2018	Ilwaco, OR
Ments Haugen	2019	Bend, OR
Max Higlin	2019	Bend, OR
Johnny Holt	2018	West Linn, OR
D Aundre Horton	2019	Portland, OR
Jake Kortge	2019	The Dalles, OR
Cody Lain	2019	Bend, OR
Kevin Larkin	2019	Sherwood, OR
Forrest Lofgren	2018	Tualatin, OR
Matt Lovos	2019	Tualatin, OR
Hayden Miller	2019	Lake Oswego, OR
Keigan Pesenti	2019	Forest Grove, OR
Chris Pitto	2019	San Diego, CA
James Regusci	2019	St. Helena, CA
Jake Rider	2019	Moraga, CA
Mickey Schaeffer	2018	Sherwood, OR
Jackson Schleicher	2019	Tualatin, OR
Kyle Schrandt	2019	West Linn, OR
Cody Schumacher	2019	Bend, OR
Chance Schwerbel	2019	Redmond, OR
Hayden Starr	2019	Bend, OR
Will Strickland	2019	West Linn, OR
Thomas Omari	2019	Springfield, OR
Harry Visse	2019	Tualatin, OR
Jared Welter	2019	Tualatin, OR

Membership Is for Life



“I WAS AN ΣAE.” That is the line I run into the most often when, in the course of my travels, I meet alumni who learn about my role with the fraternity. And, of course, I remind them ever so gently that they still are. After all, membership is for life.

I recalled the lifetime commitment we share in our Fraternity while I was on Capitol Hill recently, as I lobbied with others for the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act. When I met Senator Johnny Isakson of Georgia, he immediately extended the grip, leaned into me and said, “You may not know this, but I served on the faculty for the John O. Moseley Leadership School for many years — and I found it to be rewarding and impactful. Keep up the good work.” That encounter left no doubt in my mind that when it comes to Senator Isakson, membership is for life. His deed follows his word.

A line from legendary Yankees catcher Yogi Berra comes to mind as we look to the future as an organization: “If you don’t know where you are going, you’ll end up someplace else.” Too often, even the strongest of organizations fails to articulate a clear and compelling course for the future. Over the last several years, ΣAE has been sidetracked by a number of incidents that put us in a defensive, and not proactive, posture.

Serving as the Board of Directors for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Supreme Council is charged with establishing the mission, vision, and strategic direction for our Fraternity. We take that charge seriously, which is why immediately after I was sworn in as your ESA in Newport Beach last July, we reached out to students, alumni, and friends via surveys, focus groups, and phone calls to see what you, our members, think about the challenges and opportunities facing our Noble Order.

The overwhelming response was very helpful to the Strategic Planning Committee, which was tasked with drafting a three-year strategic plan for the Fraternity. The result is a concise, five-page document that clearly outlines the future of our organization.

The cornerstone of our plan is our mission. It defines who we are and why we exist. Our mission is to advance the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, leadership, and service for our members throughout life. Our vision statement is broader and aspirational in nature: True Gentlemen making our global community better. We envision a

future in which our members, students and alumni alike, embrace our creed each day, in word and deed, to create a better community at home and abroad.

The Strategic Plan will focus on three core areas. The first and primary goal is to engage and retain alumni throughout life. In fact, while you may have noticed the new mission is more concise than its previous version, we were careful to add two key words: “throughout life.” That is because, in all our research of the John O. Moseley Zeal Award-winning chapters, **the one common denominator we found was that the best performing chapters have strong, consistent, and robust support from and engagement with their alumni.** E-surveys from students also revealed that they value engagement highly with alumni, not only in connection with chapter operations but as mentors and coaches.

Today, just more than one percent of our 200,000 living alumni are engaged with the Fraternity as volunteers or donors to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation. A critical objective of our plan is to broaden and diversify our talent pool by adding 500 new alumni volunteers to the rolls prior to our convention in Boston next July.

Our organization’s reputation was badly damaged in 2015. As one of the largest values-based collegiate organizations in North America, the second critical component of the plan is to increase our relevance and restore our reputation by better connecting our members with our mission.

Understanding why we exist is core to recruiting students and alumni who exemplify our mission and values. We cannot succeed if we do not have a common understanding of this core underpinning of our organization. Ensuring our members on the 235 campuses across the United States and Canada have a safe, positive, constructive, and affirming experience is of critical importance. And as such, our third core focus area includes specific strategic initiatives designed to reduce and eliminate incidents that put our members and guests at risk.

In this column, I’ve outlined our ambitious vision for the future. To our students, I ask you to incorporate our mission and vision into the daily life of your chapter or colony. And to our alumni, I simply remind you: **You will always be an ΣAE. Never forget that membership is for life and that your support is needed now more than ever.** And so I ask you to join me. Renew your commitment to ΣAE by visiting www.sae.net to sign on as an alumni

volunteer. Whether as a mentor, advisor, house corporation volunteer, or alumni association leader, like Johnny Isakson, you too can make a difference in the life of a student. Phi Alpha,

— by Steven W. Churchill
(Iowa State ’85)
Eminent Supreme Archon

(Editor’s Note: Brother Churchill’s message was taken from the current issue of “The Record”).

SAE Strategic Plan 2016-2018

Alumni, undergraduate members, and SAE staff have created a new Strategic Plan for the fraternity. This plan is intended to establish a set of priorities for the next three years, with goals achieved by the end of 2018. The plan provides a set of focused initiatives to promote member involvement and organizational growth.

There are four overarching goals:

- **Engage and retain alumni throughout life**
- **Increase our relevance and reputation by better connecting members with the Mission**
- **Live “The True Gentleman” to provide an experience that will be safe for members and guests**
- **Prioritize Fraternity resources to implement the strategic initiatives**

It is the intent of these initiatives to honor ΣAE’s rich traditions and the tenets of our Ritual while ensuring the Fraternity remains relevant to college men and alumni of today and tomorrow.

Read the five-page Strategic Plan at www.sae.net/strategicplan.



Help Build Oregon Alpha’s Chapter Endowment Fund

It costs more than \$600 in tuition for each delegate to attend Leadership School. Our four delegates’ tuition was paid by your alumni contributions and funds provided by Oregon Alpha’s Chapter Endowment Fund. Tax-deductible contributions can be made by mailing a check to the SAE Foundation, 1856 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201 (memo line: CEF 3369).

Please consider this incredible investment in the future of our chapter in your annual charitable gifts, as well as your estate planning.

Alumni Highlights and Chatter

DON BEALS '51 lives in Pacific Grove, CA. He sends, "Memories of the house and brothers of 1947-1949 are the best. Cheers for the 100 years!"

HAL ENGELEN '55 makes his home in Forest Grove and continues to play golf once a week with NORB LEUPOLD '55 and RUSS SHEFFER '55.

JOCKO BURKES '56, a retired forester (and Naval officer) with Weyerhaeuser, has moved to a retirement community for "seasoned folks" in University Place, WA. He winters in Gold Canyon, AZ.

DICK EVANS '57 retired from State Farm, Inc., 20 years ago. He and his wife, Helen, live at Capital Manor in Salem. They celebrated 60 years together on July 1, 2016. They have eight grandchildren.

JOHN SHELDAHL '57 has "moved my residence back to Oregon after 57 years in New Jersey. In my return, I have been supported by my brother, my sister, and by Brother RON BAILEY '57. My professional life was proudly dedicated to the designs of reliable communications hardware for the Army, Navy, and NASA." John makes his home in King City, OR.

TOM SICKLER '59 has been "retired for 18 years (Yeh!). Recently moved to Charbonneau in Wilsonville, OR."

ELDON YOUNGER, MD '59 joined Chapter Eternal on October 10, 2015. Dr. Younger practiced at the Corvallis Clinic from 1967-1994, when Parkinson's disease ended his career. Upon Eldon's retirement, colleagues established the Eldon Younger Lectureship as a means to draw attention to important topics concerning children and teenagers. Next to the love and care displayed for each and every one of his patients, Dr. Younger's passion was to protect children from child abuse. The Eldon Younger Memorial Fund has been established at the Corvallis Clinic Foundation to carry out this commitment.

BOB HARDISON '61 manages his tax return preparation business, Hardison & Novitski, LLC, in Corvallis.

JOHN MASTERSON '61 lives in Long Beach, CA. "I continue to enjoy seeing brothers BENNINGHOFF, RIFER, D. PAHL, FOSTER, R. CHRISTENSEN, and ROY at least once a year! Phi Alpha to all."

RICHARD SAXTON '61 joined Chapter Eternal July 4, 2016, at the age of 79 of heart disease. He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Karen; daughter, Lisa (Robert); son, Brent (Wendy); and four grandchildren.

RON THIESEN '61, after many of years of service as Chapter Advisor to Oregon Alpha, has turned over the reins to former E.A. WILL LATER '12, who teaches at OSU. Ron is the Events Director for the Corvallis Country Club.

RICHARD STRACHAN '63 sent, "Son Robby is an SAE at Auburn, grandson Connor is an SAE at Oklahoma State, and grandson Bryson is an SAE at the University of Texas. Recently moved but still live in Knoxville, TN. I keep in touch with brothers TOM BUCKLEY '63, JOE MAYLIE '63, and GARY BRACELIN '64."

DICK NEEDHAM '64 was (along with other alumni members) "amazed by the size of the new member class (SAE eliminated pledging in 2014). If memory serves, the size of the '64 pledge class was 33, which was considered large. Happy Birthday, Oregon Alpha."

PETE ROMANO '71 of Quincy, WA., sends, "I retired in January after 43 years in retail fertilizer, chemical, and seed industry. Playing golf and enjoying our two granddaughters who live in Portland."

BEN CORSETTI '74 sent "My wife, Carol, and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in 2015. Carol is the sales manager at the Double Tree Suites Hotel in Tucson. She hosted the OSU football team last fall as they traveled to play the University of Arizona."

JOHN THOMPSON '76 recently merged Thompson Kessler Wiest & Borquist, PC, with Perkins & Co., Oregon's most admired

accounting firm. Perkins & Co. is the largest locally owned accounting firm in Portland. John has more than 30 years of experience specializing in accounting, auditing, tax, and business advisory services. He also provides financial advice and review for the Oregon Alpha House Corporation and chapter.

TOM HYDE '79 "retired in May 2015 after 30 years in private and academic practice of oral/maxillofacial surgery." Tom plans to move back to the Portland area from Saginaw, Michigan.

DAN ROTH '79 is a Regional Manager with Mitsubishi Electric and lives in Dana Point, CA.

CARL CASALE '83 is President and CEO of CHS, Inc. (chshinc.com), a leading global agribusiness owned by farmers, ranchers, and cooperatives across the United States. CHS, a Fortune 100 company, supplies energy, crop nutrients, grain marketing services, animal feed, food and food ingredients, along with business solutions including insurance, financial, and risk management services.

MARK HALES '83 was in Corvallis in May to attend the annual Oregon Alpha Awards Banquet. Both of Mark's sons — MIKE HALES '12 and JAKE HALES '16 — have served the chapter as Eminent Archons, and both were awarded the Benj. F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award for their outstanding and dedicated service to the chapter.

RON ARNOLD '87 "retired from the Navy in 2010, and has worked as the CFO at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA, for the last five years. Monique and I celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary and we have two teenagers. Phi Alpha and God bless all my brothers out there."

MARK DASKALOS '87 is a vice president with Charter Mechanical in Portland. "We live in Lake Oswego and have two daughters at OSU, both ΑΧΩs. We still have football season tickets we got 28 years ago next to NEIL MARSHALL '86, MIKE MARSHALL '88, TIM MARSHALL '90, KEITH LEAVITT '88, and BILL PERRY '88."

TOM DEARMOND, JR. '94 is owner of Oregon Turf & Tree Farms, which began in 1942 when the farm was purchased by the DeArmond family. Seven decades later, the third generation of DeArmonds is involved in the daily operations of the farm. Sod is still the company's primary product. They sell palletized rolls of perennial ryegrass sod to landscapers and homeowners throughout western Oregon and southwestern Washington.

BROOKE KNIGHT '94 has operated Knight Financial Home Loans with offices in Corvallis, Portland, and Coronado, CA, for over 10 years. Brooke is also the head coach of the Corvallis Knights, a wood bat college summer league that plays ball at OSU's Goss Stadium. In 2015, the Knights set a league attendance record averaging more than 1,500 fans each game. Brooke was the West Coast League Coach of the Year in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2013. His seven-year mark as the Knights' field general is 367-170 (.689) overall and a 305-157 (.660) in West Coast League games. Brooke is in his 11th year in management with the Knights in 2016.

MIKE THIBODEAU '94 is a middle school math teacher in the Everett School District, and lives in Edmonds, WA.

JAIME BURNAP '05 is a software engineer at Manifest Web Design in Beaverton, OR. Jaime serves the chapter and Oregon Alpha alumni as a volunteer maintaining and updating the www.saoregonstate.com website.

MATTHEW KRIEGER '07 spent four years as an ICU RN in Anchorage, AK. He was married in 2011 and moved to Portland in 2015. He is employed in the ICU at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center.

JOHN WILLIAMSON '09 (Beaver John) has recently moved from Roseburg to the Portland area, and has taken a new job as Director of Operations for Hartmann & Forbes. They are in Tualatin and are an interior design company that specializes in natural woven window coverings.

QUINN McANDREWS '14 begins a new job this fall as a social studies teacher at Phoenix High School in Phoenix, OR. He will make his home in Medford.