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## Oregon Alpha's Husnu Ozyegin Delivers OSU Commencement Address



**Husnu Ozyegin '67, a highly successful business leader and philanthropist in Turkey and throughout Europe, is chairman of Fiba Holding A.S., Fibabanka A.S., and Credit Europe Bank (Suisse) S.A. in Geneva.**

Husnu Ozyegin '67 delivered Oregon State University's commencement address this past June 17, and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in Civil Engineering. Brother Husnu joined SAE his sophomore year. He served as chapter treasurer and climbed the ladder of student government, culminating in his election as ASOSU Student Body President in 1967. Fifty years later, Husnu returned to Corvallis to address the nearly 7,000 OSU graduates. Husnu has become a highly successful business leader and philanthropist in his native Turkey and throughout Europe. He has made significant contributions to the global community with extensive work in social entrepreneurship, education, women's rights, equity, child and youth development, and arts and cultural preservation.

A reception was held at Oregon Alpha a few days prior to commencement. Thank you to Ron Iwasaki '67 for his leadership, inviting a number of alumni from Husnu's era for an informal gathering in the SAE living room. Husnu was able to share some time with friends and take a tour of the chapter house (it was Thursday of finals week!). He commented many times how much he enjoyed his time at Oregon Alpha. It was a great honor to welcome Husnu back to his Oregon State home.

### **Excerpts from Brother Ozyegin's Commencement Address:**

Fifty years ago I had the privilege to address my fellow graduates from this stage as ASOSU President. I came back 25 years later, and I hope to be the first to be invited back again in 25 years!

I grew up in Turkey, and knew early on that I wanted to pursue my academic career in the United States. Back then, OSU had the foresight to promote the enrollment of foreign students and kept their tuition very low. I was astounded by the OSU campus, especially the size of the football field. Our largest stadium in Turkey was half the size. I threw myself into life at OSU in every way. I was the only Turkish student in my year. But I didn't let that stop me and got elected to the Student Body. It was the first time in OSU history a foreign student had been elected to the Student Body in freshman class. I worked my way up, and in my final year was elected as president of ASOSU. My time at OSU was foundational for all that lay ahead in my life.

My story unfolded in so many unexpected ways over the years as I pursued business and philanthropy. I did not imagine at all 50 years ago how my life would turn out — just as many of you don't know today. For the lucky ones among you who have found your passion, your calling, your future endeavor — good luck. For those like me who didn't have a clear plan, understand that life sometimes enables you to choose and sometimes to be chosen but what you do, what you act upon is what determines success and fulfillment.

For all of you I have a few thoughts that I have striven to follow in my own journey.

**Choose to be kind.** What you will regret most in your life will be failures of kindness. So make it your goal to touch as many lives as possible, raise your own voice on behalf of those who cannot, be powerful for the ones who are powerless.

**Don't settle for conventionalism.** Question, challenge and transform everything. But above all question, challenge and transform yourself to be better.

**Failure in life is inevitable.** I certainly have a number of failures I could share. They taught me things about myself that I could not have learned any other way. You will never truly learn your own strength until you have been tested by adversity. So embrace it, learn from it, and move on to achieve greater things.

**Don't let age or circumstance confine your dreams.** To dream, to imagine, is the seed of all invention and innovation. My ultimate dream was to establish a university, and I realized that dream at the age of 63.

**Above all — engage.** The most important human need is connection. Widen your horizon, embrace other cultures, learn from them. Empathize with other humans whose experiences you have never shared. You will learn from this more than you will learn from anything else. Become a part of this world, don't just stand on the side lines.

It is your life, your future, and so I will end with the words of the Sufi mystic Rumi: "Don't be satisfied with stories of how things have gone with others. Unfold your own myth."



**Brothers greeting Husnu included (Front L-R) Dennis Young '68, Craig Fletcher '67, Husnu, and Ron Iwasaki '67; (Back L-R) Dick Thompson '73, Jess Lewis '69, Bill Hopper '69, Charles "Cap" Sparling '67, and Scott Spiegelberg '75.**

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**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
- James Roy Spiegelberg '18
- Braden Randall Vogt '18
- Kenneth Allen Whitbey '18
- Benjamin Riley Peters '18
- Nicholas Lee Jacobs '18
- Blake Alan Reser '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**



Tyler Peterson '04, Rod Peterson '75, 2016 EA Blake Reser '18, and current EA Ryan Cleveland '18.

One of Oregon Alpha's great traditions is Dining on Duck. Held this past November 21, 2016, the 17th edition of the annual Monday night dinner before the Civil War was another great success. The evenings special guest speaker was Rod Peterson '75, former tight end for the 1972-75 Beavers. Rod talked about his time at Oregon Alpha and the highlight catch he made to set up the winning touchdown in the 1973 Civil War. And he talked about the importance in his life of the "True Gentleman" and Coach Dee Andros' often repeated "Man in the Mirror." There was great anticipation for this Civil War and the SAE brothers in a driving fourth quarter rainstorm enjoyed a 34-24 Beaver victory over the Ducks! Congratulations to Rod for kicking off a very successful Civil War Week, and to Scott Spiegelberg '75 whose leadership has guided this great Oregon Alpha tradition since 2000!

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

Saturday, October 14: Homecoming (OSU vs. Colorado)  
 Friday-Sunday, November 17-19: Dad's Weekend (OSU vs. Arizona State)

**2017 Oregon Alpha Officers**

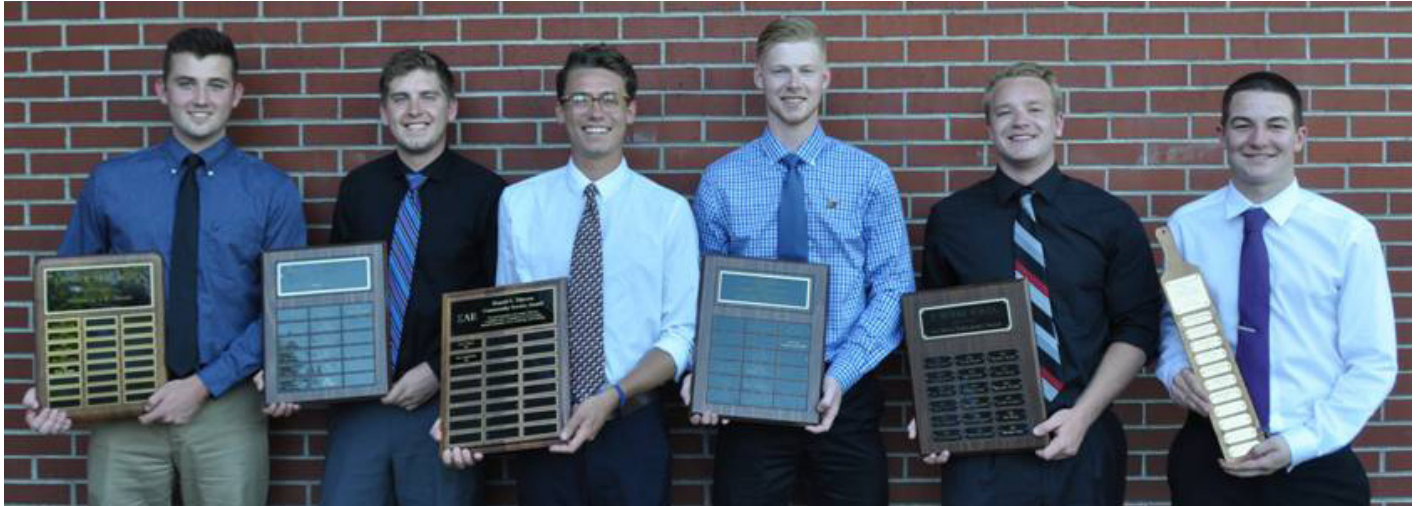
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| <p><b>Eminent Archon</b><br/>                 Ryan Cleveland '18 ..... Tigard, OR</p> <p><b>Eminent Deputy Archon</b><br/>                 Jake Rider '19..... Moraga, CA</p> <p><b>Eminent Treasurer</b><br/>                 Kenny Whitbey '18..... West Linn, OR</p> <p><b>Eminent Recorder</b><br/>                 Wyatt Stutzman '20..... Wasco, OR</p> <p><b>Eminent Warden</b><br/>                 Daniel Eckhardt '18 ..... Gresham, OR</p> <p><b>Eminent Correspondent</b><br/>                 Patrick Leendertse '20 .....Beaverton, OR</p> <p><b>Eminent Chaplain</b><br/>                 Daniel Eckhardt '18 ..... Gresham, OR</p> <p><b>Eminent Herald</b><br/>                 Andrew Marshall '20 .....Portland, OR</p> <p><b>Eminent Chronicler</b><br/>                 Christopher Pitto '19 ..... San Diego, CA</p> <p><b>House Manager</b><br/>                 Janak Ward '18..... Tigard, OR</p> <p><b>Member Educators</b><br/>                 Max Higlin '19 .....Bend, OR<br/>                 Jake Kortge '19..... The Dalles, OR</p> | <p><b>Social Chairmen</b><br/>                 Cody Schumacher '19 .....Bend, OR<br/>                 Keigan Pesenti '19..... Forest Grove, OR</p> <p><b>Scholarship Chairmen</b><br/>                 Jared Welter '19 ..... Tualatin, OR<br/>                 Eric Breyer '19..... Tualatin, OR</p> <p><b>Community Service Chairman</b><br/>                 Andrew Marshall '20 .....Portland, OR</p> <p><b>Philanthropy Chairmen</b><br/>                 Will Strickland '19 ..... West Linn, OR<br/>                 Ian Anderson '18 ..... West Linn, OR</p> <p><b>Kitchen Steward</b><br/>                 Anthony Bottaro '18 .....Beaverton, OR</p> <p><b>IM Chairman</b><br/>                 Jason Morrell '20 .....Hollister, CA</p> <p><b>Brotherhood Chairman</b><br/>                 Chad Casebeer '18.....Salem, OR</p> <p><b>IT Chairman</b><br/>                 Matthew Lovos '19..... Tualatin, OR</p> <p><b>Risk Manager</b><br/>                 Janak Ward '18..... Tigard, OR</p> <p><b>IFC Representative</b><br/>                 Benjamin Rahier '20 ..... Tualatin, OR</p> <p><b>Recruitment Chairmen</b><br/>                 Jackson Schleicher '19..... Tualatin, OR<br/>                 Kyle Schrandt '19 ..... West Linn, OR</p> |
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## Oregon Alpha Annual Awards Banquet, May 22, 2017

On Monday night, May 22, Oregon Alpha held its annual Awards Banquet at the chapter house. While it was hot and humid, it was a great evening shared by undergrads and alumni to recognize student involvement, commitment, and service to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

This year's Robert R. Blair Freshman of the Year Award was presented by Susie and Doug Blair '73. Hans Carlson (Oregon Gamma '87) presented the A. Darrell Carlson True Gentleman Award. Bill Brennan '62 presented the T. Burke Hayes All-House Scholarship Award. Bob Schumacher '57 presented the Arthur "Skip" Bedell Memorial IM Award. Ron Thiesen '61 presented the second annual Ronald L. Thiesen Community Service Award, and the Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award was presented by Brother Ben's daughter, Marolyn Welch Tarrant.



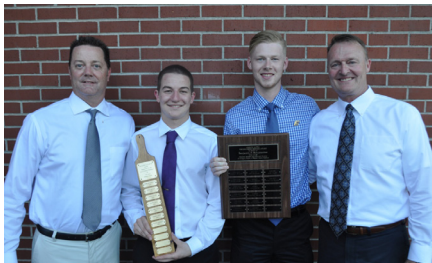
The 2016-17 Oregon Alpha Annual Award Winners are, L-R: Tyler Martin '18, Arthur "Skip" Bedell Memorial IM Award; JJ Keim '17, A. Darrell Carlson True Gentleman Award; Ian Anderson '18, Ronald L. Thiesen Community Service Award; Ryan Cleveland '18, Benj. F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award; Braden Vogt '18, T. Burke Hayes All-House Scholarship Award; and Andrew Marshall, '20, Robert R. Blair Freshman of the Year Award.

### Order of the Phoenix

Brother Ron Thiesen '61 had the honor of awarding three Order of the Phoenix Awards. 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 brothers.

This year's recipients of the Order of the Phoenix were: Jimmy Spiegelberg '18; Blake Reser '18; and JJ Keim '17.

### Continuing a Legacy



Mike Marshall '87 and Dave Cleveland '87 attended the Annual Awards Banquet to share in their sons' successes. Mike's son Andrew Marshall was presented the Robert R. Blair Freshman of the Year Award. Dave's son E.A. Ryan Cleveland (Dave served as E.A. 30 years ago) was awarded the Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award.

### Eminent Archon Report

This past year has been an incredible one for Oregon Alpha, but before I go into it, I would like to recognize the alumni that have truly helped this fraternity, and me, in my time as Eminent Archon: Scott Spiegelberg, Dick Thompson, Will Later, Stro, and Jakey Hales. We would not be where we are as a chapter without the help of these amazing alumni.

A great year for any chapter starts with a great recruitment week. Chad Casebeer and Braden Vogt, our past recruitment chairmen, signed 52 new members to jump on bid day. The freshman class has beaten the all-university GPA fall, winter, and spring terms. This is a great group of guys, with a bright future here at Oregon Alpha. Right now, Jackson Schleicher and Kyle Schrandt are working hard to prepare for this fall's recruitment week.

This past year, we had GPA's of 3.00 fall term, 3.08 winter term, and 3.06 spring term, which were all above the all-male average at Oregon State University. This was due to the time and effort all of our members put into school each and every day. Last year, we raised our minimum GPA requirement from 2.5 to 2.7, and you can see that the members have taken that goal to heart. Our scholarship chairs, Jar-

ed Welter and Eric Breyer, have worked diligently to prepare our members for success in the classroom.

Our major philanthropy is the annual SAE Mario Pastega House Tug-of-War. This event was created by Jimmy Spiegelberg and Ben Peters, our past philanthropy chairs, to help raise money and awareness for the Mario Pastega House at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis. The Mario Pastega House is a home away from home for patients and their families while they are undergoing treatment at the hospital. Last year we raised more than \$11,000. Thanks to this year's philanthropy chairs, Ian Anderson and Will Strickland, we were able to raise more than \$20,000! This was an all-house effort that helps a great organization here in Corvallis.

Thanks to scholarships given by our Alumni Association, we were able to send two members to the DeVotie Ritual Institute in Evanston, Illinois; two members to the Western States Leadership School in Las Vegas; and one member to the Eminent Archon Institute in Evanston. At the DeVotie Ritual Institute, Jake Rider and Nick Hines learned more about the ritual

— EA Report, concluded

of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and how to apply it to their everyday lives. Dylan Norris and Alex Martin represented our chapter at the Western States Leadership School, where they learned important lessons about chapter administration and leadership. I attended the Eminent Archon Institute, where I learned more about the responsibilities of the position and made connections I am able to use throughout my tenure as Eminent Archon.

Our other accomplishments include putting in 3,000 hours of community service and winning the IM basketball and bowling championships. This is truly an amazing group of men, and I am pleased and honored to have played a role in their success. I particularly thank my dad, Dave Cleveland (EA '87) for being the best example of a True Gentleman and supporting me in my time as EA.

Thank you and Phi Alpha!

— Ryan Cleveland '18

### Tug-of-War Philanthropy Raises \$20,000



Hundreds of OSU fraternity and sorority members competed in the SAE Tug-of-War benefiting the Mario Pastega House of Corvallis. (L-R): House Dad Stro, Philanthropy Chair Ian Anderson '18, Jimmy Spiegleberg '18, Ken Pastega, and Dick Thompson '73.

On March 4, the following article, authored by Ken Pastega, appeared in the *Corvallis Gazette Times* under "Good Words — Fraternity Backs the Community."

"Oregon Alpha, under the leadership of Ian Anderson '18 and Will Strickland '19, held a fundraiser February 4 for the Mario Pastega House, a comfortable home away from home for out-of-area patients and families traveling to Corvallis for specialized medical care at the Samaritan Health campus.

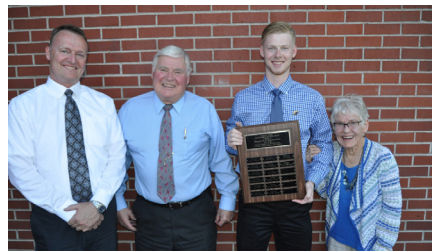
How pleased the community of Corvallis should be with the responsible Oregon State students and their efforts. For the second year in a row, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity philanthropy in Corvallis has raised funds for the Mario Pastega House. The second annual Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Mario Pastega House Tug-of-War was held Feb. 4th

at Chintimini Park with a competition between the OSU sororities and fraternities. This year's winners were Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Sigma Kappa Sorority.

The SAE fundraiser will be presenting a check to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center with a commitment of \$5,000 from the Mario and Alma Pastega Family Foundation to the Mario Pastega House for \$20,000.

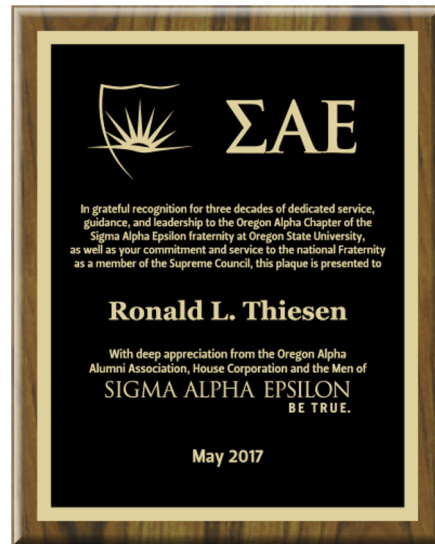
Corvallis is proud of the Greek fraternities and sororities and their understanding of the needs of our community. Very much appreciated."

### Distinguished Service



Brother Ben Schumacher '22's son and daughter, Bob Schumacher '57 and Marolyn Welch Tarrant, presented the Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award to Eminent Archon Ryan Cleveland.

### Ron Thiesen '61 Honored



**Congratulations, Brother Thiesen! At the 2017 Annual Awards Banquet, Dick Thompson presented Ron with this plaque in recognition of his three decades of service to Oregon Alpha, the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association and House Corporation, and the national fraternity. Ron served on the Supreme Council and provided many years of guidance and advice as Oregon Alpha's Chapter Advisor. We are proud of your service to the fraternity.**

## Welcome, New Initiates!



### Initiated October 2, 2016

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
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|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Landen Alexander.....   | 2020 ..... | Hollister, CA   |
| Chase Anderson.....     | 2020.....  | Tigard, OR      |
| Cameron Broberg.....    | 2020.....  | Tualatin, OR    |
| Deep Butani.....        | 2020.....  | Keizer, OR      |
| Ali Chehab.....         | 2019.....  | Beaverton, OR   |
| Bannon Crowley.....     | 2020.....  | Piedmont, CA    |
| Carter Dorn.....        | 2020.....  | Salem, OR       |
| Kyle Durbin.....        | 2020.....  | Portland, OR    |
| Chase Eisenbrandt....   | 2019.....  | Wilsonville, OR |
| Ben Ferguson.....       | 2020.....  | Tualatin, OR    |
| Cole Freeburg.....      | 2020.....  | Salem, OR       |
| Gage Fuller.....        | 2020.....  | Wilsonville, OR |
| Michael Galluzzo.....   | 2020.....  | Tigard, OR      |
| Will Gaskins.....       | 2020.....  | Salem, OR       |
| Austin Greenlee.....    | 2019.....  | Oceanside, CA   |
| Peter Griggs.....       | 2020.....  | Lake Oswego, OR |
| Charles Hay.....        | 2020.....  | Portland, OR    |
| Trevor Heneweer.....    | 2020.....  | San Ramon, CA   |
| Ryan Hill.....          | 2020.....  | Portland, OR    |
| Will Johnson.....       | 2019.....  | Bend, OR        |
| Daniel Kelley.....      | 2020.....  | Portland, OR    |
| Calvin Krech.....       | 2020.....  | Aloha, OR       |
| Patrick Leendertse..... | 2020.....  | Beaverton, OR   |
| Jack Loberg.....        | 2020.....  | Bend, OR        |
| Andrew Marshall.....    | 2020.....  | Portland, OR    |
| Alex Martin.....        | 2020.....  | Salem, OR       |
| Jason Morrell.....      | 2020.....  | Hollister, CA   |
| Zach Niebergall.....    | 2020.....  | Portland, OR    |
| Dylan Norris.....       | 2020.....  | Salem, OR       |
| Keaton O'Neill.....     | 2020.....  | Beaverton, OR   |
| Zack Pittmon.....       | 2020.....  | Beaverton, OR   |
| Ben Rahier.....         | 2020.....  | Tualatin, OR    |
| Zeke Robinson.....      | 2019.....  | Seattle, WA     |
| Ryan Schaffer.....      | 2020.....  | Tigard, OR      |
| Matthew Schmitz.....    | 2020.....  | Wilsonville, OR |
| Nathan Senger.....      | 2020.....  | Tigard, OR      |
| Wyatt Stutzman.....     | 2020.....  | Wasco, OR       |
| Devin Sunkle.....       | 2019.....  | Wilsonville, OR |
| Aiseah Taufui.....      | 2020.....  | Molalla, OR     |
| Clark Tymchuk.....      | 2020.....  | Beaverton, OR   |
| Luke Van Lehman.....    | 2019.....  | Lake Oswego, OR |
| Owen Van Lehman.....    | 2019.....  | Lake Oswego, OR |
| Tienhung Vu.....        | 2020.....  | Beaverton, OR   |
| Riley Ward.....         | 2020.....  | Bend, OR        |



## SAE Holds Convention in Boston



Oregon Alpha representatives Jake Hales '16 and Dick Thompson '73 with ESA Steve Churchill.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon held its 161st Anniversary Convention in Boston this past July 6-8 at the Marriott Copley Place. Brothers from throughout the realm met for the biennial event to elect the fraternity's leadership and to discuss and vote on 28 Fraternity Law proposals. The Oregon Alpha Chapter was represented by 2015 Eminent Archon Jacob Hales '16 and the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association was represented by President Dick Thompson '73. Certainly a highlight of the convention was hearing the "Oregon Alpha Alumni Association" called twice to receive awards in recognition of its leadership and commitment to the ongoing success of Oregon Alpha.

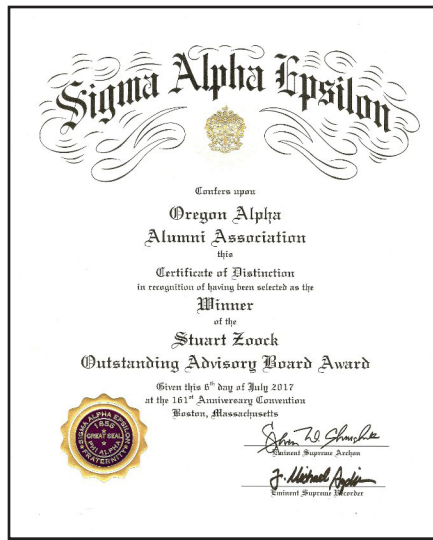
Oregon Alpha received runner-up recognition as the Outstanding Chapter Alumni Association and then — in a surprise announcement — the Oregon Alpha Advisory Board was awarded the Stuart Zoock Outstanding Advisory Board Award. This award really speaks to the long-term commitment of a dedicated board of alumni volunteers who maintain the facility and traditions of Oregon Alpha and provide advice and continuity for the ongoing success of our great chapter. The award honors the service of retiring board members William J. Brennan '62 and Ronald L. Thiesen '61 for their decades of dedicated service to the fraternity.

The Convention's presiding officer, Eminent Supreme Archon Steven W. Churchill (Iowa State '85), also presented the "State of the Fraternity" address, concluding that "the state of the fraternity is strong." Newly elected ESA Thomas J. Dement (Middle Tennessee State '90) closed the convention Saturday afternoon with a set of goals for the coming biennium.

- **Restore the reputation of our fraternity.**
- **Focus on chapter expansion.**
- **Form an SAE History Committee to properly document our history in the digital age.**
- **Make SAE's educational programs the best in the fraternal world.**

- **Continue fiscal responsibility, build reserves, and lower Health & Safety Insurance costs.**
- **Further the fulfillment of our fraternity mission.**

ESA Dement concluded that "This organization changes young men's lives for the better," and encouraged all present to "embrace the True Gentleman and live life according to its teachings."



## Oregon Alpha Nominated for ZEAL and Chapter Achievement Award

This past March 16-17, SAE Regional Director Alan Fisher visited the Oregon Alpha Chapter. This is a required annual visit and consultation, as outlined in the Fraternity's laws on behalf of the Eminent Supreme Recorder. The purpose of the visit is to support the chapter's success, keep members informed of Fraternity news and happenings, and communicate rules, expectations, and best practices.

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 specifically enunciated in "The True Gentleman." SAE Regional Directors rate a chapter's demonstrated ability to pursue and uphold the Mission Statement of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and our fraternity principles. Chapters are required to adhere to Fraternity Laws, Minerva's Shield (our official health-and-safety guide), and comply with the True Gentleman Experience.

Meeting with the chapter officers allows the Regional Director to better understand how the chapter plans to achieve each of the Fraternity's eight prin-

ciples through specific programs, events, and activities:

**1. Deep and Meaningful Friendships.** "To develop in our members the skills which will aid in their ability in making deep and meaningful friendships as undergraduates and alumni." How does Oregon Alpha demonstrate strong brotherhood, mentoring, sustainable recruitment, and retention?

**2. Academic Excellence.** "To provide our undergraduate members with a physical and organizational environment conducive to their pursuit of academic excellence." How does Oregon Alpha promote high academic achievement, and provide resources and incentives for student success?

**3. Diversity and Change.** "To help our members better understand and experience diversity and change, and to enhance their respect for individuality and personal integrity." How does Oregon Alpha demonstrate that it is diverse and inclusive, transparent and collaborative, and culturally competent?

**4. Personal Development.** "To foster personal development of our members including leadership, scholarship, citizenship, and social and moral responsibility." How does Oregon Alpha develop strong leaders, and provide excellent all-around member education?

**5. Service and Community Outreach.** "To develop in our members a sense of duty for individual and group involvement in social interactions, service, and community outreach." How does Oregon Alpha demonstrate that it is service-oriented and philanthropic, and encourages a culture of volunteerism?

**6. Ritual.** "To provide our members with guidance, support, and standards based upon the ideals embodied in our Ritual." How does Oregon Alpha demonstrate a strong grasp of SAE history, Ritual, and ideals, as well as ability to perform Ritual?

**7. Standards and Expectations.** "To develop, maintain, and enforce standards and expectations for the conduct of our members within and outside of the Fraternity." How does Oregon Alpha demonstrate strong accountability, health-and-safety competence, and policy compliance?

**8. Alumni Relations.** "To provide our members with lifelong fraternal experiences that are productive, rewarding, and enjoyable." How does Oregon Alpha promote strong alumni relations, life-after-college preparation, and membership for life?

Once again this year, Oregon Alpha was nominated for the John O. Moseley Fraternity Zeal Award and received the Chapter Achievement Award, signifying that it is one of the top chapters in its management and commitment to SAE's mission.

## Alumni Highlights and Chatter

BOB CHURCHILL '48 donated his 1947 OSC baseball letter sweater to the OSU baseball program. It is now part of the Alumni Baseball Room at Goss Stadium. The plaque below the Orange O sweater reads, "In Memory of the Men of the 1943 Co-Championship Team. Most Entered WWII." On that team were four SAE brothers: FRANK ROELANDT '49, catcher who taught and coached at Medford High; BILL McCLUSKEY '44, shortstop who taught and coached at Washington High in Portland; BOB CHURCHILL '48, third baseman who taught at Monroe, Toledo and Waldport High Schools before ending up in Sacramento; and VIC BROWN '44, whose Memorial Trophy honors the MPV senior Oregon State baseball player each season. Vic was killed on the last days of WWII crossing a river in Italy. All four SAE brothers played on the same Franklin High School team in Portland.

ALLAN GRAY '50 joined Chapter Eternal January 6, 2017. He made his home in Silverton, OR. His Celebration of Life included, "In honor of his honest and faithful service to his country during World War II, his ashes will rest at Willamette National Cemetery. Additionally, our family will leave a remembrance of him at Neahkahnie Mountain." Allan's nephew STUART ALMAND '83 sent: "He and my Uncle BILL GRAY '45 were our great influences on me to become an SAE, and we have all shared that some of our best experiences in life were from our time at 2929."

CRAIG McMICKEN '50 is "still running. Made All-American standard in the 5K last fall." Craig added regarding Allan Gray's passing, "He was an impressive guy. We were close: he was my Best Man getting married."

Dr. GILL WRIGHT '52 joined Chapter Eternal August 9, 2016. Gill graduated from Richland H.S. and Oregon State. He served two years in the Navy during WWII. He graduated from Kansas State with a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He owned and operated the Alma Veterinary Clinic in Alma, NE, for nearly 40 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie (July 2014).

C.R. "Dick" ABBEY '53, '57, '61 is "awfully pleased to read that the house is rebounding! My congratulations to the membership and advisors!"

JERRY and Beth HULSMAN '54 were honored last fall at the OSU President's Dinner as one of 18 new members of the OSU Foundation's Milton Harris Society which recognizes lifetime commitments of \$1 million or more in support of OSU.

MILTON HUFF '55 sends: "Since I retired from flight operations at Northwest Airlines, I've become 'the below average guy trying to do the average job.' I gave up chasing the little white ball around the links and have been chasing the 'wiley pheasant' around the US. I'd like to remember TERRY LOWERY '55 who was lost on a bomber raid on Viet Nam over the South China Sea."

NORB LEUPOLD '55 sent: "Last September before school had started, Christine and I stopped in Corvallis for lunch on our way to the coast. Then we drove up Harrison and checked out the fraternity house. The property was a 'show place' and we were mighty proud." (Editor's Note: All of the credit goes to the meticulous year-around landscape service provided by House Dad Stro!)

JERRY HUNT '57: "Since retiring on the island (Camano Island, WA), 16 years have passed quickly for Sue and me. We are enjoying 'get-togethers' with our two sons and their families who live in the Seattle area. My challenge is to use our most valuable resource — time — wisely. A wish to all the Brothers out there that life is treating you and your families well."

PAUL BENNINGHOFF '61 of Lake Oswego enjoys his time with pledge brothers DAVE PAHL, JON MASTERSON, VERN RIFER, and DICK ROY.

GEORGE CHANDLER '61 (Oregon Gamma, Willamette University) sends: "Thanks for the newsletters. Great to read about such an outstanding chapter." George supports Oregon Alpha's annual fund raising appeal as well as the Chapter Education Fund at the SAE Foundation. We appreciate your support, George!

RON THIESEN '61 retired this past May as a board member of the Oregon Alpha House Corporation. Ron and Sandra now make their home in Yuma, AZ. At the Annual Awards Banquet, DICK THOMPSON '73 presented Ron with a plaque inscribed "In grateful recognition for three decades of dedicated service, guidance, and leadership to the Oregon Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Oregon State University, as well as your commitment and service to the national fraternity as a member of the Supreme Council, this plaque is presented to Ronald L. Thiesen with deep appreciation from the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association, House Corporation, and the Men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

Minister RICHARD TREADWELL '61 passed away on September 1, 2016, after a long bout with pancreatic cancer. Services were held September 10, 2016, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in McMinnville, OR. Richard is survived by his wife, Shirley Shepard Treadwell (KKG '62), BOB FOSTER '61 added "I clearly remember Dick and I walking back to the house from the engineering school one afternoon, and he told me that he really didn't like engineering and was considering becoming a religious pastor, which he later did. After we all graduated, he entered a divinity school in Berkeley, California."

LOU FASANO '64 has two grand nephews who are SAE's at OSU — JAKE

STEVENS '17 and RYAN LONSWAY '18. Our grandson, Josh Fasano, is a junior at OSU but chose not to join a fraternity.

RON EMMERSON '66 recently won second place in his division at the Concours d'Elegance in Forest Grove. Over 350 cars were on display, including Ron's latest beauty, a black 1957 Chevy convertible.

RAY SHAW '66 has been "married to Barbara U'Ren Shaw '68 for 48 years. She was a Little Sister of Minerva and member of Delta Gamma. The Shaws live in North Las Vegas, NV.

BRUCE HRABA '67 is President of Waterford Hotels & Inns, a boutique, independent hotel management and consulting company. Bruce and his wife, Patricia, co-founded Waterford Hotels and Inns nearly thirty years ago. They live in San Mateo, CA.

WALT EBELL '69 sent his alumni contribution in memory of JAN BLAKELY '69. "We surrendered our Alaska drivers' licenses so it is official. Our new home is on Vashon Island, WA."

KEITH SWENSEN '70 sent last fall: "Retired March 2016. Beginning eighth year of coaching Oregon Pioneer Rugby at Oregon City HS. Our five-year-old granddaughter is the light of her grandparents' lives."

Dr. RANDY FREED '73 sends: "I was encouraged after reading the recent *Oregon Alpha News*. It sounds as if our fraternity is moving in the right direction. To have a succinct mission statement that promotes Oregon Alpha's vision makes me proud to be a lifelong member. I was particularly impressed with the SAE Strategic Plan 2016-2018. Keep up the good work." Randy continues his dental practice in Portland and observed his 40th dental school reunion.

DOUG TODD '73 "retired after a 42-year career in Washington, DC, most recently with Siemens Corporation. Every day is now a Saturday. Lots of golf, traveling and enjoying life. SAE son John graduated from Mississippi State. Nancy and I enjoyed a trip to Ireland recently. Hope to make it to the great NW soon. Glad to hear that the chapter is doing so well. Hi to all my '73 brothers."

SCOTT SPIEGELBERG '75 is the Director of Varsity OSU for the Oregon State Athletic Department. Scott also serves as the Oregon Alpha House Corporation President. Scott and Peggy are the proud parents of two SAE's (JOEY SPIEGELBERG '16 and JIMMY SPIEGELBERG '18) and Chi Omega daughter Annie.

JOHN PALMER '77 retired from Daimler (formerly Freightliner) after 38 years. "Big life change! Nancy and I are currently building a house in White Salmon, WA. We have a great view of Mt. Hood."

DAN ROTH '79 joined Phoenix Contact in October 2016. The German company manufactures industrial automation, interconnection, and interface solutions. Dan will cover CA, NV, AZ, and NM as Regional Sales Manager.

JON WISSLER '79 is CFO for PNGC Power in Portland. He sends his alumni contribution "in honor of my father RODNEY LYNN WISSLER '49.

CARL CASALE '83 is president and CEO of CHS, Inc. CHS is a Fortune 100 farmer-owned cooperative working to help America's farmers. "Together, we're making a difference around the world with our depth of energy, grain and food solutions — not to mention our full range of business services and our commitment to stewardship."

AARON HARRIS '86 organized a Class of 1986 reunion this past fall at the OSU/California football game. Joining Aaron to celebrate a Beaver victory were KEVIN ANDERSON, JAY BOWMAN, MARK DASKALOS, ERIC GRINDY, DAVE JONES, BILL LORENZ, RICK MIKESSELL, DOUG NAIMO, TRAVIS NEAL, CRAIG NELSON, PAUL ROBINSON, BOB SCHMITZ, KEN STRAHAN, TROY THOMAS, and TOM WIRTH.

JOTH RICCI '90 is CEO of Adelsheim Vineyard in Newberg, OR.

CHAD LAYMAN '95 leads Marquam Group in Portland as its chief executive. Marquam was recently ranked as one of the region's top 25 technology services firms. "Sadie (12) and Chase (9) continue to be a joy and keep Chad and Kelly on their toes."

ROBERT OTTAWAY '04 "continues to work as a senior software engineer for PagerDuty, an alerting software company out of San Francisco." Robert and his wife Haley (KKT '06) and daughters Stella (6) and Gwen (3) live in San Jose (Almaden Valley).

CHRIS RIPER '05 and Kim are the proud parents of Brooks Richard Riper born January 6, 2017. "Growing up fast — we're proud, excited, and it is a lot of fun having him in our lives." Chris is Managing Director at FTI Consulting, in Lake Oswego, providing analytics, financial analysis, and forensic investigatory services in complex business disputes and investigations.

TYLER THOMPSON '05 was awarded the Order of the Lion by Eminent Supreme Archon Steve Churchill during the SAE Board of Directors meeting, held in Portland at the Marriott Hotel Downtown on October 7, 2016. Tyler has served as the president of the Portland Alumni Association since 2011.