

The Sigma News



Gamma Eta Chapter: Excelling with Honor

REBIRTH OF GAMMA ETA NEWSLETTER

Knights, please welcome the new and improved newsletter! The Brothers of Gamma Eta are working hard to grow alumni relations, have a stronger campus presence and better apply the values of Sigma Nu to our everyday lives. We look forward to a great semester and we would love to have you be a part of it. We are always happy to have alumni at Chapter, Rush events, and any other Sigma Nu event. Contact Alumni Chair if interested.

A letter to all Brothers far and wide

I hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter so far, and are excited for the advances that we as a chapter and a brotherhood have made. We hope to reconnect with all our brothers, but unfortunately we may have lost contact with many of you over the years.

Please email Carson Van Ausdall at vanausdall@mines.edu so

that we can update your contact info and stay in touch.



Last October, our Brothers took their Formal dates to Estes Park for a nice night out.

Annual EDays BBQ

When: Saturday April 2nd from 2-6 PM

Where: Lions Park Pavilion near Clear Creek

What: Food, Beverages and Brotherhood

RSVP: Carson Van Ausdall—Alumni Chair

vanausdall@mines.edu or 210-415-8867 by 3/26



Highlights

We raised \$4500 for St. Jude
Highest Greek GPA in Spring 2015
Six pledges for Spring 2016

Upcoming

April 2nd: Edays Alumni BBQ
February 27th: Sigma Nu Institute
March 5th: Semiformal @ Cinzetti's
Initiation: Evening of April 24th
Affirmation: Evening of May 1st
Save the Date: Homecoming
Tailgate October 8th

Keep up to date with our chapter by liking our Facebook page, **Sigma Nu—Colorado School of Mines.**

Brothers at the St. Jude Up Til Dawn event raising \$4500 which was the most out of any organization on campus. In addition to Up Til Dawn, we participated in many other philanthropy events such as highway cleanups and a dodgeball tournament that we organized for the American Heart Association.

Commander— My name is Anthony Lillo and I am the incoming Commander for Gamma Eta Chapter. This semester the chapter will make great strides towards improving Alumni relations and improving the quality of our brotherhood by recommitting our focus to the ritual and our core values. The chapter plans to provide more opportunities for members to learn, discuss and reflect on the ritual, as well as provide more opportunities for alumni involvement, in order to improve the quality for brothers after knighthood. Over the winter break I was given the opportunity to travel to Roanoke, VA to represent Gamma Eta at College of Chapters. It was a great experience and I learned a lot from other chapters across the U.S. I would like to express a special Thank You to alumni Sam Fletcher TH1058 for his donation that helped pay for the plane ticket to Roanoke, VA.

Lieutenant Commander— Hello, my name is Patrick Myers, I'm a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering and the current Lieutenant Commander for Gamma Eta. This semester, my primary goal is to improve the committee structure and make committees more efficient overall. Based on officer feedback, I will be replacing the Social Committee with an Alumni Committee to better reflect the workloads of these positions. Additionally, I will be working with Recruitment to establish a Recruitment Committee along with more defined guidelines for how members should approach recruiting. My hope is that this should boost both the quality and number of candidates we receive each year, improving the chapter's reputation and efficiency as a result. For committees in general, I will meet with the heads monthly to review progress towards their goals for the semester and to discuss what future meetings can focus on so that members remain productive. In addition to my work with committees, I will have two further projects: to assist Campus Outreach in acquiring a new faculty advisor and to work with the Executive Council on revising our bylaws. In this manner, I plan to build upon the significant internal improvements the chapter has already undergone and assist the development of a values-based culture within Gamma Eta.

Treasurer— My name is Trevor Ballard, and I am the treasurer of Sigma Nu. I am a junior from Arvada, Colorado studying metallurgical and materials engineering. After serving as scholarship chairman, I am excited to play a new role in our chapter. As treasurer, one of my main goals is to continue setting aside money for a house and to make this a more prominent part of our budget, as this is becoming increasingly necessary as our chapter grows. Another goal is to work with specific offices, especially recruitment and social, to make sure we are budgeting and spending money effectively. Finally, I am working to enforce the 30-60-90 schedule suggested by nationals for the payment of dues. Thank you, and I hope to get to know you better over the course of my term as treasurer.

Recorder— My name is Brandon Datar, and I am the Recorder of the Gamma Eta Chapter this year. I am looking forward to a great year in this position, and I hope to do an even better job than last year. I plan to be an active member of the Executive committee and to have a voice in our Chapter operations. As alumni, you may request to be added to our email list. Just send an email to bdatar@mymail.mines.edu asking to be added.

Social— My name is Logan Salewski and I am the new social chair for Sigma Nu here at the Colorado School of Mines. First off I am planning semi-formal for this semester to be on March 5th at 7pm at Cinzetti's Italian Market restaurant. We as a chapter would like to extend an invitation to our alumni to attend this once a year event that is always a good time. My goal is to set up many different events with the other Greek Houses. This semester looks like it will be exciting and full of fun social events between the different houses and us.

Reporter— My name is Skyler Morris, and I am the new Reporter for Sigma Nu Gamma Eta. This semester, the Reporter position has new duties that all revolve around the Chapter's web and social media presence. We recently added an Instagram account, [@mines_sigmanu](https://www.instagram.com/mines_sigmanu), and are working on developing a more public Facebook presence as well. The biggest addition is the Chapter's website, www.csm-sigmanu.com. While the website is not currently public facing at the moment, we hope to have it fully functional by the end of the semester. With these additions to the Fraternity, we hope to become more visible in the community, as well as to the general public. This should greatly increase the positive view of the Fraternity, and serve as a launchpad for those interested in learning more, or potentially joining the Fraternity.

LEAD— Hello my name is Alejandro Galvan and I am this years LEAD chairman. Mainly, my goal for this year is to develop a sort of LEAD program composed of tried and true LEAD sessions that help develop the qualities and skills needed to succeed, but at the same time present it in a interesting and fun manner. LEAD sessions will be held twice a month, with hopes of bringing in alumni and faculty to help facilitate LEADs. If you are interested in holding a LEAD, please contact me at algalvan@mymail.mines.edu.

Current Brothers sporting the flag of Sigma Nu.

We have begun collecting historical photos from alumni and need your help building up the portfolio! Send your best pictures from your time at Sigma Nu and it may get posted in chapter or even in the next newsletter!

Send to: vanausdall@mines.edu



The 2011 Sigma Nu Intramural Flag Football Team.