



ONE YEAR AGO WE RECEIVED OUR CHARTER: SEE WHAT WE HAVE DONE SINCE

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Alumni, Friends and Family,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Nicholas Savoia and I am the current Chapter President of Sigma Phi Epsilon New Hampshire Gamma. We have had a very exciting post-charter year, and have seen continued growth and development in all aspects of our operations.

Apart from our cardinal principals, one thing we are always sure to preach to our new members is that school comes before anything else. Through diligence in and outside of the classroom, we were able to obtain a cumulative GPA of 3.15 for the fall; the highest among all fraternities, third highest among all of Greek Life, and beating the UNH male campus average .2 GPA points.

Another aspect of our fraternity we take great pride in are our philanthropic efforts throughout the year. This school year we held three philanthropies, with the first being "Grow and Mow for Marrow" this fall. The event consisted of participants growing out facial hair to win certain shaving competitions. While this was going on

anyone who attended would get their inner-cheek swabbed to see if they could be possible donors for patients with bone marrow cancer. This proved to be a very successful event where we were able to get 2000 swabs for this cause! Following up this spring, we hosted a Big Brother's Big Sister's event with two other organizations to show local children the importance of an education and that you can still have fun along the way. Finally, just two weeks ago we held our fourth annual "Shave to Save" St. Baldrick's event to raise money for childhood cancer research. I am incredibly proud to announce we raised \$15,832 dollars with about 30 shaved heads along with it!

Moving on to recruitment, we had a very successful rush week in January which included dodgeball, information sessions, pizza and pasta dinners and nearly 100 men rushing our chapter. When it was all said and done we brought on 18 new members with bright futures ahead of them at the University of New Hampshire. With this 18, we have reached a total of 94 members.

We take pride in working hard to obtain our various goals, but we also make sure to have a good time while we are at it. This past year

we held two "Bro-Bonanza's", where we went paintballing in the fall and zip lining in the spring. These were both great events that enabled the brothers to get away from the stresses of school for a bit and use the New Hampshire outdoors in unique ways.

Now that the 2015-2016 school year is coming to a close, it has come time for us to send off 19 of our seniors. This past weekend we celebrated their journey with a brother dinner followed by The Burning Heart Ceremony. These 19 seniors have worked tremendously hard to grow this fraternity to what it has become, and the entire chapter looks forward to their successes post-graduation.

As we approach summer, I am extremely excited to see what the future has to bring. Sigma Phi Epsilon New Hampshire Gamma is incredibly young and has already accomplished so much, but we are just scratching the surface. The chapter as a whole truly believes we have the right men, work ethic, and cohesiveness to achieve the goals we set our minds to, and that belief makes our potential infinite.

*Fraternally,
Nicholas Savoia
Chapter President*

RECRUITMENT

Brother Vice President of Recruitment, Mike Ellison and his board organized one of the most effective spring rush weeks in our chapter's history. We had more men show up to our spring rush week and more members initiated in the spring than ever before! Former VPR during the first semester (and current president) Nick Savoia also had a very successful rush week in the fall, bringing in 24 new members and having a total of over 80 accumulative PNM's show up and sign in to our rush events.



Spring 2016 Rush Shirts

The Recruitment Board this spring hit the ground running and had a schedule of rush events out weeks ahead of time.

This schedule included:

Saturday: Pizza and introduction night at the house

Monday: Dodgeball tournament in the MUB

Tuesday: Game room day (pool, ping pong, video games) in the MUB

Wednesday: House tours and information session on SigEp values

Thursday: An invite-only private event at Libby's Restaurant in downtown Durham followed by brother voting at the house

Friday: Professional interviews

Initially we had a pool of over 50 interested men in our spring rush. Some 30-odd rushees were invited to the Libby's "get to know you better" dinner. The top 18 qualifying men were then extended an invitation to join our brotherhood.

Congratulations to the spring rush class of 16', we are proud to call you SigEp's!

The dodgeball teams were made of both brothers and rushees looking to win the championship game



Recruitment Stats

Sigma Phi Epsilon has grown tremendously over the years and we are looking forward to expanding even more in the future!

94

Number of Active Brothers

1st

In number of members in a fraternity at UNH

495 %

Chapter's growth rate since 2012

Light Up Durham

The chapter won this year's Light up Durham competition with a stunning display of lights all over our house on 2 Strafford Ave. It took a lot of hard work from several very committed brothers who spent days putting the decorations together. In the end it was worth it when we were all able to enjoy the display, listen to Christmas carols, and enjoy hot chocolate with our neighbors and friends.

The Chapter House lit up for Light Up Durham

Since this was taken, 18 more brothers have joined!



What Else Have We Won?

Advisor Scott Colati: UNH Fraternity Advisor of the Year

Scott's dedication to our chapter has greatly contributed to our successful transition from a small 19 manned chapter with no house and no charter to where we stand today - as UNH's most prolific fraternity. Scott was a SigEp at American University. He graduated in 2009 and became our Chapter Counselor in 2012. Since then he has been a consistent part of our organization and his involvement in our chapter, which can range up to ten hours a week, is certainly appreciated. Congratulations on the well-deserved award Scott!



Scott Colati

Brother Bobby Evans: Mr. UNH

The sisters of Chi Omega held their annual Mr. UNH pageant and we were lucky enough to have our brother, Bobby Evans, take the crown! Bobby represented the UNH rugby team as well as SigEp in the pageant, alongside Brother David Manzo who also competed. Bobby stole the show with his performance of "Sweet Pea" by Amos Lee. The event raised over \$3,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We are incredibly proud of Bobby for participating in this fun event for such a great cause!



Bobby and his escort for the evening, Danielle Descenes, took a victory photo on stage after being crowned Mr. UNH

Brother Bryan Langhill: UNH Idol

In this year's UNH Idol presented by Scope, Bryan Langhill won with a masterful rendition of *7 years* by Lucas Graham. Bryan received \$150 as a prize that went toward our St. Baldrick's philanthropy event. Bryan also had a solo at the NH Gents Spring concert, once again making us proud and showing the diversity of talent that we have in our fraternity. We are thrilled by the success that Bryan has seen this year and we only wish him continued accomplishments this fall.



Bryan's solo during a performance with the "NH Gents" a cappella group

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PHILANTHROPY NEWS

At SigEp we pride ourselves on dedication of service to others. Sigma Phi Epsilon finds it an honor and a responsibility to make a lasting difference in a great community of Durham, the campus, and beyond. SigEp encourages brothers to make it to philanthropic events and sets a mandatory 8 hours of community service a semester. This spring we hosted two philanthropic events ourselves.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Last year we paired with the local BBBS Chapter at Dover NH Teen Center. We took the kids around campus to teach them the importance of college and school work. Most importantly we hung out with the kids for the day. We had a great number of brothers present and everyone had a blast playing spike ball, football, games, and cooking out. We also partnered with Alpha Kappa Psi (AKPsi) for this event.

St. Baldrick's

Our largest spring philanthropy took place on April 30th during the May Day carnival. This was our fourth year fundraising for St. Baldrick's Foundation. This foundation has had a special place in Sigma Phi Epsilon New Hampshire Gamma's heart for the past four years. They are an amazing foundation that raises awareness and searches for a cure of childhood cancer. We held an online fundraiser through March and April to raise funds for the Foundation. The spring Sigma class was given the task of planning this event and gaining brother interest and they excelled at it.

The anticipation for the event was extraordinary, this is something the chapter was looking forward to for weeks. Along with the fundraising we had 33 brothers pledge to shave their heads to show support of the cause. As a whole we raised a total of \$15,810 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, this was the most raised by this philanthropy in the four years we have been doing it! The event was amazing, all of the brothers gathered around to watch each other go bald for the cause. We are incredibly proud of the success and the Beta class for holding such an amazing event.

SIGEP MOMENTS



St. Baldrick's

A large group of brothers shaved their heads to show support & awareness for childhood cancer patients.



Bro Bonanza

In the spring our brother bonding event called "Bro Bonanza" included brothers leaving campus and choosing between a mountainside tour or intense zip line course. The fall event was a chapter wide paintball war.



Brothers celebrating a one of a kind night

From left to right:
Jack Goss
Matthew Johnston
Dan Jacobs

Spring Formal

Formal occurs once a semester and is an event the entire chapter attends and looks forward to. Thank you to the Programming Board for organizing a great time at the Chameleon Club in Dover where brothers and their dates enjoyed a night of music, food, and fun!

PHILANTHROPY NEWS (CONTINUED)

Gift of Life

This year for our fall philanthropy we wanted to try to give something more than just donations, we wanted to give the gift of life. "The Gift of Life" organization on campus reached out to us and wanted to co-sponsor an event. We knew we had a lot of work ahead of us so we reached out to the ladies of Kappa Delta for help.

Along with the two organizations we set off with the goal to raise awareness for bone marrow cancer while swabbing people's cheeks to see if they were acceptable donors. All of this came with an online fundraiser. Throughout November we had men commit to not shaving their beards for the entire month of November to raise awareness and compete for awards such as "Best Beard," "Best Mustache," and "Best Effort." We swabbed both chapters which was about 250 people without even holding the event. The event was held December 6th in the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union Building.

We offered free Chipotle, raffle tickets, Domino's Pizza coupons, and different games to those that swabbed their cheeks. It was a complete success we ended up swabbing just over 2,000 people for bone marrow testing and raising \$5,000 for bone marrow cancer research. This was a bold new type of philanthropy and with the huge success that we had would like to pursue a relationship with "The Gift of Life" and hold this event in upcoming years.



Beach Clean-Ups

Some new community service opportunities have popped up this year and a popular one for a lot of the members were the beach clean ups. Similar to the homecoming clean up, brothers of the chapter walked around Hampton and Jenness beach collecting trash, litter, and recyclables. A total of 25 pounds of trash was collected just as Hampton Beach!



NUMBERS DON'T LIE

SigEpsilon once again had highest overall average GPA of all fraternities during the last year (from start of spring 2015 to end of fall semester 2015)! Our brother's averaged a 3.15 GPA which was higher than the campus wide average of 3.11. We are proud to have won this award for the third consecutive year and plan to win it again next year.

Not only is our chapter the top for GPA, we also led fraternities in GPEP points for the third consecutive time! GPEP is a point system determined by the Office of Greek Life, the more you do (i.e. leadership talks, philanthropies, community service) the more GPEP.

Quick Facts

1. Average GPA of males at UNH: 2.95
2. Average GPA of all Greek men: 2.91
3. Average GPA of SigEpsilon's on campus: 3.15
4. Average GPA of the second top fraternity: 3.06

NUMBER ONE FOR THREE
STRAIGHT YEARS

BROTHER SHOUT-OUTS

Military Men

This year we would like to give thanks to the seven selfless brothers who proudly serve our country each and every day through their hard work and dedication to our great nation. We would like to say thank you to the following brothers for their service: Bobby Evans, VT Air National Guard; David Manzo, NH Air National Guard; Walter Ramos, NH Air National Guard; Connor Marien, UNH ROTC Air Force; Kai Lin, UNH ROTC Army; Adam McIlveen, Army National Guard; and last, but certainly not least, brother Willie True of the United States Army, who until very recently was stationed overseas. The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon NH Gamma are eternally grateful for the sacrifices that these incredible men have made to ensure our safety. Every single one of us at NH Gamma are DAMN PROUD of each and every one of you and are very fortunate to call you our brothers. Thank you for your service! VDBL.



Brother Mike Wulftange

Our brother Mike Wulftange ran the Boston Marathon on April 18th with a time of 3:49:09! He accomplished his goal of raising over \$5,000 for the American Liver Foundation. Mike spent the majority of his free time over the last few months training and it definitely paid off. Once he crossed the finish line he said, "It wasn't even the bad!" We could not be more proud of him!



Brother Sean Mitchell



DONATE

NH Gamma needs your help. In order to operate at the level we would like, we need donations from alumni, family, and friends. Aside from our chapter's account, we now have a fraternity house; requiring that we continuously make improvements and renovations to stay competitive on campus. With money, there is opportunity. On our website (www.unhsigep.com), you can find a "Donate" button near the top of the page. Here we allow you to decide where you want to make a financial impact. Whether it is through our chapter operations, or your passion to improve our chapter house, we are very grateful.

Graciously, we would like to ask you to donate whatever is reasonable for you at this time and appreciate anything you can give.

Thank you on behalf of each and every brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon NH Gamma. We look forward to continued success here at UNH with your help!

Fraternally,

*The Brothers of Sigma Phi
Epsilon NH Gamma*

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What Do Your Donations Go Towards?

Aside from donating directly to the chapter account (which funds house repairs, programming/rush events, and more) there is the option to donate towards The Leadership Continuum Fund. The members of our chapter are not only paying the financial burden of college, but also nearly \$1,000 a year in chapter dues. This can make it very difficult for our members to attend the expensive national SigEp leadership events.

By donating to The Leadership Continuum Fund you help us to ensure our members have the opportunity to attend prestigious events/conferences that can be life changing SigEp experiences and provide valuable advice and information that cannot be found elsewhere. The Leadership Continuum Fund includes and is limited to the following:

- Subsidizing the cost of sending chapter members to Carlson Leadership Academy
- Subsidizing the cost of sending chapter members to Ruck Leadership Institute
- Subsidizing the cost of sending chapter members to Tragos Quest to Greece
- Subsidizing the cost of sending chapter members to Grand Chapter Conclave
- Providing funding for the Balanced Man Scholarship

If you would like to donate to the Leadership Continuum Fund please visit www.sigep.org and search Chapter Scholarships or follow this URL:

"https://secure3.convio.net/sigep/site/Donation2?1461.donation=form1&df_id=1461&_ga=1.226958751.30146719.1416278571".

Any and all donations go towards the continued improvement and success of our chapter and its members. Donations, like all chapter money, is never used for the purchase of alcohol.