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**SIGMA NU FRATERNITY REVOKES CHARTER OF CHAPTER  
AT LANDER UNIVERSITY**

**Lexington, Va.** – Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. has revoked the charter of its Theta Phi Chapter at Lander University. According to Executive Director Brad Beacham, the revocation decision, made by the Fraternity’s High Council (board of directors), was made in response to numerous violations of the Fraternity’s laws, policies and principles primarily related to the treatment of Candidate (pledged) members, including acts of hazing.

“We were especially concerned that the violations in this situation included acts of physical hazing” said John R. Pitts, the Fraternity’s Regent (international president) and chairman of the Council. “Although we deeply regret the loss of any Chapter, our Fraternity has made its position clear. We will not tolerate misconduct that defies our most basic values and principles,” Pitts added.

In a related action, Lander University officials suspended the collegiate chapter as a University student organization for a period of four years.

The Fraternity is optimistic that the Theta Phi Chapter can be re-established in the future at Lander University and once again offer a positive experience reflective of both Sigma Nu’s mission to develop ethical leaders and the University’s academic mission. “We will continue our discussions with University officials and alumni leaders to plan for that future,” Beacham stated.

Headquartered in Lexington, Va., Sigma Nu Fraternity was founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington and currently has nearly 180 active chapters and colonies on college campuses throughout North America.

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