

ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

SHARE YOUR PROFESSIONAL & LIFE EXPERIENCES

A WAY TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE THETA KAPPA CHAPTER & ITS' YOUNG MEN

Any alumnus, parent, or friend of the chapter, in good standing, that is interested in being part of this forum as a speaker is welcome to register their interest here on our website. We have received interest from business owners, business leaders, innovators, military personnel, and others to participate as a panelist, but we are always looking for more to share their experiences in a panel discussion or an individual forum. This will be facilitated by an alumnus or a GSU faculty/staff member. All speakers must sign an “Alumnus Code of Conduct” to participate. Thank you in advance for your interest in this innovative program to help sustain our chapter and develop ethical leaders.

To register your interest: <http://sigmanugsu.celect.org/alumni-speaker-series>
or: <http://bit.ly/SNTK-Speaker>.

Alumni Speaker Series

Business Leadership

Part 1: April 6th at 6:30 pm

Event & Date:

- **Event:** Alumni Speaker Series: Alumni Panel on Entrepreneurialism and Business Leadership
- **Date/Time:** Wed., April 6th at 7:00 pm
- **Location:** GSU Performing Arts Center (PAC), Room 1915, 847 Plant Drive, Statesboro, GA 30460
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1490531804574927/> (this is a private site)

Format:






Billy Hickman, a CPA, partner, past managing partner, and business advisor at Dabbs, Hickman, Hill, & Cannon will facilitate and ask questions of our inaugural panel; contributing his own experience as a well. All questions are meant as guides only to keep the event moving and focused. There will be a Q&A.

Questions for the panel and to solicit feedback (From Hickman to the panel):

1. Give us a short bio of your business history to date and about your company.
2. What is your current role in your business and how did you get there?
3. What did you learn in fraternity life that serves you well today?
4. Name two (2) mentors and tell us why they are/were mentors and how they affected you?
5. Without violating the Risk Reduction Policy, tell us one of your most memorable fraternity moments
6. What is the most enjoyable thing about your work other than making deposits?
7. How have you mentored others at your company?
8. What does Sigma Nu mean to you now?
9. In 25 words or less what advice would you give these young men beginning right now?

Background on this initiative:

- Purpose: To provide an interactive panel discussion with Theta Kappa alumni for our Collegiate Chapter on entrepreneurialism and business leadership that will help them better understand the opportunities out there and what they may need to do to prepare themselves or if it interests them as well as provide additional benefits to being in a fraternity and in particular Sigma Nu.
- This fits into our approach to LEAD programming with the “All Chapter LEAD Category”. LEAD is a multi-part program that chapters implement over their collegiate career that starts with Phase 1, which is part of the new member education. For more on LEAD please go to: <http://bit.ly/sn-lead> or to the Fraternity HQs site at: <http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/lead/index.php>.
- Panelists are all business owners that Theta Kappa Chapter alumni. They are:
 - Facilitator: **Billy Hickman** (ΘK 62), Partner at Dabbs, Hickman, Hill, & Cannon CPAs, is the Host and Facilitator for this panel discussion. He is the past Managing Partner for that firm.
 - Panelist 1: **Steve Gay**, ΘK 28, Pharmacist & Owner of the Prescription Shop, Statesboro GA
 - Panelist 2: **Andy Oliver**, ΘK 231, President & Owner, Braswell Food Company, Statesboro GA
 - Panelist 3: **Shane Ragan**, ΘK 254, President & Owner, Ragan Insurance Agency, Columbus GA
 - Panelist 4: **Todd Kalish**, ΘK 311, Owner-Operator, Chick-fil-A Bradley Park, Columbus GA
- Alumnus Cecil Christopher, plus LEAD Officer, Josh Calhoun, will be there will be there to ensure a smooth event and coordinate with all parties.
- Keep in mind we will have a videographer and a professional photographer to chronicle this event. We will have someone from the George-Anne, local press, and the Statesboro Magazine there.

Facilitator	Panelists	
 Billy Hickman ΘK 62	 Steve Gay ΘK 28	 Shane Ragan ΘK 254
	 Andy Oliver ΘK 231	 Todd Kalish ΘK 311

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Part 2: Coming in October



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Steve Gay
ΘK 28; Local Alumnus
Speaker
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Steve is from Statesboro and a charter member of our chapter although he graduated in 1969. He graduated the UGA Pharmacy School as Magna Cum Laude and as the outstanding Pharmacy Student. Steve has been practicing pharmacy for 42 years and in 1997 received GSU's Outstanding Alumni Award.

He is a concert violinist in the Statesboro Orchestra, is married to his High School Sweetheart, and together they are the proud owners of the Prescription Shop. His wife and he enjoy traveling, running their business, and when they retire they intend to keep on visiting interesting places. **He is a Sigma Nu!**



Andy Oliver
ΘK 231; Local Alumnus
Speaker
Degree: BBA, Management, 1987
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Andy is originally from Statesboro and is the son of Dr. James Oliver, the Callaway Professor and the noted Research Biologist who taught us about ticks. He attend North Georgia College, where he joined the Kappa Chapter and transferred to Georgia Southern, where he affiliated and became Marshal. After college he sold Life Insurance for New York Life in Atlanta.

He returned to Statesboro in sales at Braswell Foods in 1996 becoming the President in 1999. In 2006 he purchased Braswell Foods with 3 partners. He is a member of the Board for Farmers & Merchants Bank. **He is a Sigma Nu!**



Shane Ragan
ΘK 254; President, House Corporation
Speaker
Degree: BBA, Finance, 1990
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He joined the family insurance agency in the fall of 1990 after GSU. The agency was founded by my parents Gene and Joan Ragan in 1969 and in 1995 he became the agency manager, and in 2000 a partner. In 2010, Shane obtained a CIC designation and is a licensed agent in GA, AL, FL, MS, NC, SC and TN.

His focus in our agency is commercial lines, personal lines and managing agency producers. The agency is passionate about their clients and industry. He has been in a managerial role since 1995 handling a wide variety of personalities and dealing with at least 20 different companies daily. **He is a Sigma Nu!**



Todd Kalish
ΘK 311; Advisor-at-Large
Speaker
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Todd graduated from GSU in 1991 with a degree in Printing Management and worked in that industry throughout the 1990s honing his skills in sales and customer service.

In 2001, Todd started his process with Chick-fil-A and obtained a store in Indiana in 2002, which was very successful. In 2008, Chick-fil-A approached him about taking over an underperforming franchise from its owner in Columbus GA, which he welcomed. He now owns and operates the Chick-fil-A store at Bradley Park in Columbus, where he has significantly increased sales & was recognized this year. **He is a Sigma Nu!**



Billy Hickman
ΘK 62; House Corporation Vice President
Facilitator & Speaker, Speaker Series
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Billy joined the firm currently known as Dabbs, Hickman Hill & Cannon, LLP in 1974. In 1983 he became a partner, and served as managing partner from 1998-2008. He has CPA licenses in GA & FL.

In response to the proliferation of fraud in businesses, both in type and sophistication, under my direction, the firm has ramped up its Forensics practice. My passion and expertise in this area bring tangible value in fraud prevention and detection to the firm's clients.

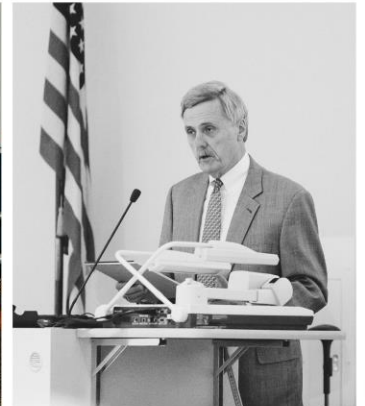
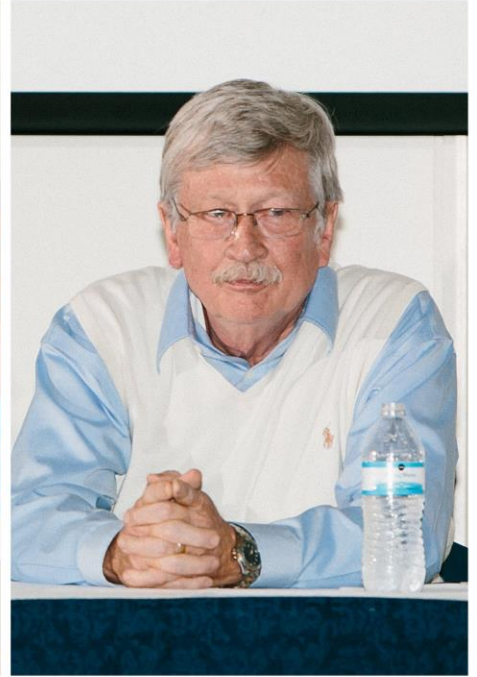
My managerial responsibilities stem from a wide range of expertise including individual and corporate taxation, litigation support, and small business planning. I oversee the audit, review and compilation practices of the firm. **He is a Sigma Nu!**



Cecil Christopher
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Cecil is originally from Savannah, GA, which brought him to Georgia Southern where studied Engineering Technology and joined Sigma Nu. He graduated in 1969, joined the Army, and served a tour in Vietnam. Cecil was a founding member of Theta Kappa, but due to Vietnam was unable to attend the chartering, so he returned in 1986 with 14 other alumni to be initiated as brothers.

He has spent over 35 year's military and civilian service mainly in Electronic Warfare for USAF at Robins AFB; he was elected to the Association of Old Crows Electronic Warfare Technology Hall of Fame and retired in 2009 although he continues to consult in this area. He was our first chapter recorder. **He is a Sigma Nu!**





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