

# Planning Successful Alumni Events



# **Today's Presenters**

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### **Overview**

### **Why Alumni Events are Important**

- Purpose of Events
- Type of Events

### **Event Planning**

- Coordination
- Scheduling
- Budget
- Communication

#### **Alumni Event Best Practices**

- Five Rules for Success
- Other Tips

#### Q&A





# Why Are Alumni Events Important?



#### **Mission Critical**

"To perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitment to the Fraternity."

#### **Events Facilitate Lasting Connections**

To the Chapter
To the University
To the General Fraternity

#### Strengthens Relationships and Develop New Ones

With Fellow Alumni
To the Student Members
To the Organization



# Why Are Alumni Events Important?















# **Purpose of Alumni Events**



### What are you trying to accomplish

- Fundraising
- Networking
- Meet & Greet

# What do Alumni get out of participation

- Personal Joy
- Pride in Chapter's Success
- Recognition



# **Types of Alumni Events**

#### **Annual Events**

 Consistent opportunities to connect and engage alumni at different points during the year

#### **Milestone Events**

 Special opportunities to celebrate a specific achievement





### **Milestone Events**



Special Chapter
Anniversary
Milestone Initiation
House
Re/Dedication



### **Milestone Events**

- Don't Happen Regularly
- Deserve Extra Attention
- Need to be a BIG DEAL

# **Milestone Events**













Milestone Events: Planning Components



Planning Committee
Planning time
(Preferably 12-18 months)
Charge a Fee – It's okay
Communication is KEY

# **Event Communication**

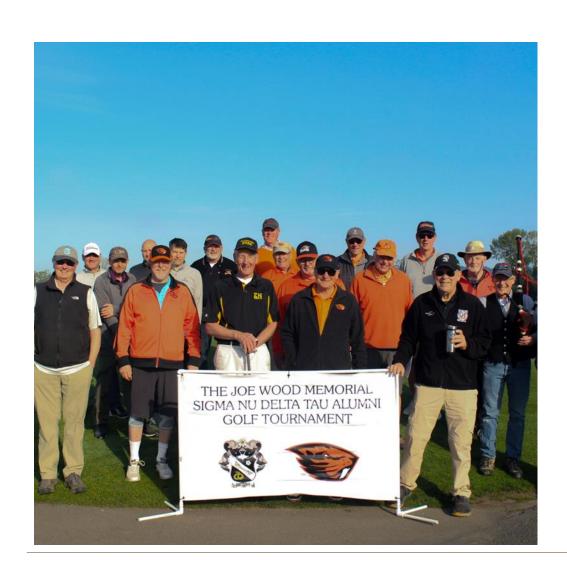




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# **Anniversary Events**



Golf Outing
House Tours
Reception/Banquet



### **Annual Events**

Chapter Anniversary
Golf Outing/Tourney
Homecoming
Reunions
Holiday Party





# Sigma Nu Fraternity Gamma Kappa Anniversary Event





### **Events**





#### PRICING PACKAGES

#### SIGMA NU PACKAGE

- \$150 for individual entry
- \$100 for individual entry for brothers after EE2200
- \$600 to purchase a team
- \$400 to purchase a team for brothers after EE2200

#### **SNAKE PACKAGE**

- · \$200 for individual entry
- \$800 to purchase a team

Includes a sign recognizing donation at tournament.

Recognized for donation at tournament reception.

#### **ROCK CHAPTER PACKAGE**

- \$250 for individual entry
- . \$1,000 to purchase a team

Includes a sign recognizing donation at tournament.

Recognized for donation at tournament reception.

Recognized in newsletter.

#### SPONSORS:

\$175 per hole for individually sponsored holes or \$275 for pledge class sponsored holes.

Additionally, Brothers who cannot make it to the tournament can sponsor a team. The sponsorships will follow these pricing packages:

- Sigma Nu Sponsorship: \$100
- Snake Sponsorship: \$150
- Rock Chapter Sponsorship: \$250

#### PAYMENT:

Venmo: Send to SigmaNuEpEp on Venmo.

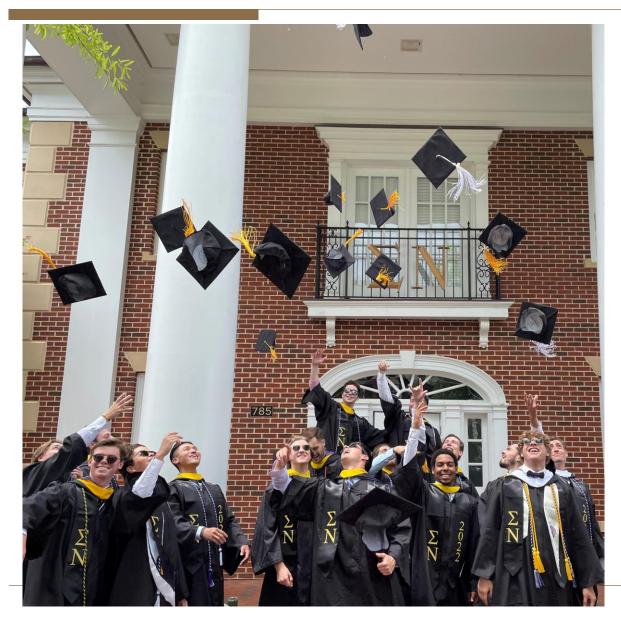
Checks: If paying via check, make checks payable to SIgma Nu Fraternity and mail to: Garrett Jelley, 1224 E. 27th Place, Tulsa, OK 74114

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION:

HTTPS://OKSTATESIGMANU.COM/EVENTS-1/EVENT-FIVE-G3PK7



### **Other Annual Events**



Commanders' Dinner
Affirmation of
Knighthood
Candidate/Initiation
Ceremonies



# **Commanders Dinner**



- Make the date predictable
- Make it sustainable
- Make it an honor to attend
- Make it so others want to attend
- Don't Reinvent the Wheel



# Affirmation of Knighthood



- Alumni Chapter
- Affirmation of Knighthood Ceremony
- Lapel pins
- Reception



# **Initiation Ceremonies**





# Celebrate Milestone Badge Numbers



### Sigma Nu Fraternity Alumni Event Best Practices

### **5 Rules for Successful Annual Events**

Don't be overly concerned with

the Number of Attendees

**Stay Constant** 

**Small Wins Lead to Victory** 

Persevere

Have Fun!



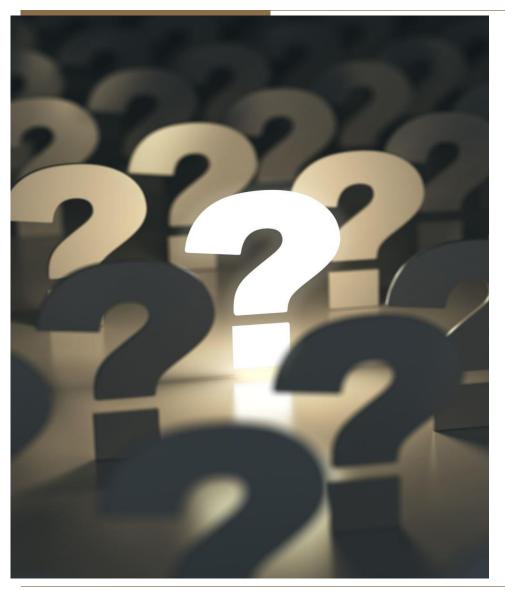


# Maximize Event Opportunities



- Use Event opportunities to Recruit Volunteers
- Host Parents functions
- Host events at the house to catch people passing through for Class Reunions
- Look for out-of-the-box opportunities to engage your alumni while on campus





# Questions?



### Thank You!

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#### **Resource Links:**

<u>Alumni Best Practices Library - Alumni Development</u> <u>Alumni Best Practices Library - Alumni Engagement</u>

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